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Canadian Furious Pete Czerwinski holds up Takeru (Kobi) Kobayashi's arm after Kobi defended his pizza-eating title from 2011 on Sunday. Despite howling winds and pelting rain, the renowned super-eater wolfed down 40 slices of a simple cheese-and-sauce pizza in 12 minutes at Pie Wood Fired Pizza Joint in Barrie. Each pizza weighed in at exactly one pound with nine ounces of dough, four ounces of sauce and three ounces of cheese. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fans hold out hope for end to NHL lockout

Public reaction. First exhibition games could be scrapped next week

Hockey fans were holding onto the possibility over the weekend that the NHL lockout could come to a quick end, despite little sign of progress in the negotiations.

The NHL closed its doors at midnight Saturday and there were no formal talks between the league and its players in the final three days before the previous agreement expired.

It's the second lockout in seven years and the fourth work stoppage in two decades.

"It's a shame, because in the end it's the fans that are the biggest losers," said 54-year-old Jean-Pierre Lacombe outside the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto.

Quoted

"It's become too corporate. I don't think that people these days really feel that their team appreciates them as much as they appreciate their team."

Montrealer William Gainsbury

The prospect of having the regular season start as scheduled on Oct. 11 is less and less likely with each passing day.

An extended lockout would hurt the bottom line of businesses across the country, from hotels to merchandise stores.

Katharine Galaher, a fan in Toronto, said the league should remember people who work in bars and restaurants that make their money off hockey games.

"They need to think of the well-being of everyone else that's losing their jobs for the season," she said.

Brandon Bryant, a 41-year-old in Toronto, said he usually hosts special gatherings to watch hockey games. That's in jeopardy now.

"It hurts a lot," he said.

"We live for hockey season and look forward to it during the off-season and the owners are putting that at risk now."

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Weekend death

MPP vows to look into gas-and-dash prevention

Mike Colle and his wife were driving home Saturday evening from a night out at the Toronto Film Festival, having enjoyed what he called the "bizarre but funny movie" Thermae Roma.

Mike Colle
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As the veteran Liberal MPP for Eglinton-Lawrence neared the intersection of Marlee and Roselawn avenues, he noticed a commotion at the nearby Shell gas station where he often fills up himself. He asked his wife to drop him off so he could "see what the hell's going on" and ask if he could help.

What Colle found was that the much-beloved 44-year-old attendant at the station had been killed when he tried to stop a driver who was leaving without paying for gas.

The driver had arrived at the station just after 9 p.m. and filled his tank with $112.85 in fuel. He then allegedly fled, striking and dragging the attendant in the process. The attendant was taken to hospital and died a short time later.

Police are seeking Max Edwin Tutiven, 39, of Toronto, for questioning.

Colle, a well-known crusader, may now have another cause, "because there will be some real cry for change on this."

He promised to investigate other jurisdictions in Canada and the United States, to research mandatory pre-payment schemes, and see if "there's somebody who's found a way to deal with this gas-and-dash."

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Double-team blocking: Fords shut down critics

Taxpayer-funded resources. Caller to radio show accused of lying after asking about football controversy

Matthew McGuire, president of Toronto Tax Coalition, along with volunteers Renee Bursey, left, and Mellisa Millerson, throw a football around outside of Mayor Rob Ford's radio show on Sunday at St. Clair and Yonge, as part of an anti-mayor protest. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Ford brothers used their two-hour talk radio show Sunday to assail the media, go after opponents on council and take shots at tree huggers, lefties and elitists, but the mayor still would not directly answer to allegations he has been misusing taxpayer-funded staff and city resources to help with his football teams.

Speaking for the first time since the football firestorm erupted last week, Mayor Rob Ford joked he and his wife half expected to roll over in bed that morning and see the media looking in their windows.

At one point, Ford appeared to be challenging reporters to run against him.

"Why don't they just put their name on a ballot and let's go toe-to-toe with them in a real election. Like I don't understand. They sit there and take shots at us and ridicule you, but why don't you just put your money where your mouth is ... I'll debate any of those — but you know what, it's a laugh," said Ford.

With about 15 minutes left in the show, a caller identified as "Dave from Toronto" asked Ford to explain how he justifies using office staff to help with his private coaching hobby, but before the mayor could answer properly, Doug Ford went on the attack, accusing the caller of lying and not checking his facts, before hanging up.

The caller on Line 6 began: "You've built your brand over the last 10 years fighting against wasteful use of office expenses ... And I'm wondering how you square that with the fact that you've been using your office resources and people and —"

Doug: "No we haven't. That's a lie."

Rob: "Let him finish. Let him finish."

Doug: "I can't have this guy sit there and lie."

Rob: "OK, but its just not true sir. It's not true. With all due respect. I haven't been using my office resources. That's where the misnomer comes in."

Doug: "Let me jump in here, Rob. You know something, let's compare it. If you want to talk office expenses sir. He dropped the office expenses down from $55,000 down to $30,000."

Rob: "I cut my own by $700,000."

Doug: "He cut his own office expense by $700,000. (Former mayor David) Miller used to have 25 people. Rob has 16 people. And sir. Do me a favour. Do your due diligence. You know something. Why don't you add up, why don't you stand outside the office and add up the hours that they work for the city. And then add up and rather than going after these poor people that work and target his employees that work their back off 60, 70 hours a week. Why don't you look into it. I'm sick and tired of guys like this that sit there and accuse (us)."

When a later caller said Doug Ford should apologize, the Ward 2 Etobicoke North councillor did so readily, explaining that the issue gets him worked up.

The elder Ford said his brother Rob mentors 200 kids a year and does more for black youth than anyone. "They look up in the stands and they don't see a father, they don't see a mother, they see Rob Ford standing there and supporting them," the councillor said.

When leaving Newstalk 1010's studio, neither brother responded to questions about whether taxpayer-funded resources were being used improperly.

Last week it was revealed that at least a number of "special assistants" in the mayor's office have spent a significant portion of their workday helping with the two football teams that Ford coaches. A city car and city cellphones have also been used in connection with the Don Bosco Eagles and Rexdale Raiders. One recent hire in the mayor's office, who has been photographed helping lead practices, is a former quarterback for the University of Toronto. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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"Why don't they just put their name on a ballot and let's go toe-to-toe with them in a real election."

Mayor Rob Ford, speaking about reporters

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Silver Linings Playbook writes surprise TIFF ending

People's Choice.
Shocks as Argo is edged to runner-up and Sarah Polley's Stories We Tell blanked at close of fest

A strong TIFF came to a surprising end Sunday as crowd favourite Silver Linings Playbook and other prize winners confounded the scorecards of many pundits.

David O. Russell's offbeat romantic comedy, starring Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence as two emotionally damaged singletons seeking wholeness, took the $15,000 BlackBerry People's Choice Award at the close of the 37th annual Toronto International Film Festival.

Silver Linings Playbook topped Ben Affleck's Iran caper thriller Argo, which was named first runner-up, despite predictions by critics and other pundits that Affleck's film would triumph. The second runner-up was Eran Riklis' Zaytoun, a buddy movie set within the troubles of the Middle East.

For the Midnight Madness People's Choice awards, the people went crazy for Martin McDonagh's Seven Psychopaths, a Hollywood screenwriting caper starring Colin Farrell, Christopher Walken, Sam Rockwell and Woody Harrelson that turns dangerously comical. The first runner-up was Barry Levinson's The Bay, followed by Don Coscarelli's John Dies at the End, the second runner-up.

The biggest shocker of all was that Sarah Polley's Stories We Tell, an intensely personal documentary that won raves from critics and audiences, didn't score in either the documentary or Best Canadian Feature categories.

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Actors Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lawrence and Chris Tucker appear at the Silver Linings Playbook press conference during the 2012 Toronto International Film Festival. David O. Russell's offbeat romantic comedy, starring Cooper and Lawrence as two emotionally damaged singletons seeking wholeness, took the festival's BlackBerry People's Choice Award on Sunday. JASON MERRITT/GETTY IMAGES

Other TIFF 2012 awards

- The $30,000 City of Toronto + Canada Goose Award for Best Canadian Feature Film went to Xavier Dolan's Laurence Anyways, a gender-bending love story that received mixed reviews at its Cannes premiere in May.
- The Skyy Vodka Award for Best Canadian First Feature Film was a split decision, with the prize shared by Brandon Cronenberg's Antiviral and Jason Buxton's Blackbird.
- The People's Choice Documentary Award went to Bartholomew Cubbins for his music business exposé Artifact.

Actor Colin Farrell, from left, producer Graham Broadbent, actor Sam Rockwell, filmmaker Martin McDonagh and actors Abbie Cornish, Christopher Walken, Woody Harrelson and Olga Kurylenko attend the Seven Psychopaths premiere during the 2012 Toronto International Film Festival at Ryerson Theatre on Sept. 7. MARK DAVIS/GETTY IMAGES

'Different atmosphere'

TIFF awards stay low-key for a reason

The awards at the close of the 37th annual Toronto International Film Festival on Sunday were typically low-key and boldface-free, announced following brunch at the Hotel InterContinental on Front Street.

TIFF has long resisted suggestions it go in for a more glamorous award ceremony, with a jury-led competition that focuses attention on fewer films, as happens at the Cannes and Venice fests, amongst others. And it's likely to stay this way, said TIFF director Piers Handling: "I think the festival should belong to the people, to the public, and not to a jury. A jury is only five to seven people, obviously a very selective group of people who then come and impose their views on what is good."

Toronto's more relaxed awards system brings "a different atmosphere" to the festival, Handling said, encouraging the attendance of many filmmakers who may dislike the highly competitive nature of other fests.

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Politicians, voters bracing for bitter fall Parliament sitting

'Combat zone.'
New poll suggests tight race between Conservatives, Liberals and NDP

A quiet summer has given Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservatives some breathing room as they head Monday into what could be an acrimonious fall sitting of Parliament.

A new poll gives the governing party a seven-point lead over the Opposition New Democrats — a cushion they may need if a second omnibus budget implementation bill sparks the same public backlash and all-out parliamentary warfare its predecessor did last spring.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey put Conservative support at 34 per cent of respondents, the NDP at 27, the Liberals at 24 and the Greens at seven.

The results suggest Canadians may be slowly returning to "more traditional patterns of voting behaviour," said Harris-Decima chairman Allan Gregg.

Until now, New Democrats had been running neck and neck with — or even slightly ahead of — the ruling party, eating into core Conservative support among older, male and rural voters and core Liberal support among female and urban voters.

A relatively sleepy summer with little federal political controversy has likely helped settle voters back into a somewhat more traditional pattern. But Monday's resumption of Parliament could shake things up again.

"As we know, the House has become a combat zone and, absent that, things do settle down; there aren't those events that drive people's change in viewpoint as much," Gregg said.

Just how much of an enemy Parliament proves to be to Harper's Conservatives will revolve primarily around the second budget implementation bill, which government House leader Peter Van Loan describes as the "cornerstone legislation" of a fall sitting focused on job creation and economic growth.

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Omnibus

The first omnibus budget bill was a massive grab-bag of measures, many that had little to do with the 2012 budget, including:

- A rewrite of environmental protection legislation.
- An overhaul of employment insurance.
- Changes to employment equity law.
- New rules for political advocacy by charities.

House of Commons maintenance staff Andre Dube, left, and Gilles Bourgon prepare the chamber for the return of Parliament in Ottawa on Friday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Pakistani protesters march on U.S. Consulate over film

Anti-Islam. Leader of Hezbollah calls for protests against movie that denigrates Prophet Muhammad

Hundreds of Pakistanis protesting an anti-Islam film broke through a barricade near the U.S. Consulate in the southern city of Karachi on Sunday, sparking clashes with police in which one demonstrator was killed and more than a dozen injured.

In a move that could escalate tensions around the Arab world, the leader of the Hezbollah militant group called for protests against the movie, saying protesters should not only "express our anger" at U.S. embassies but urge leaders to act.

The film, which denigrates Islam's Prophet Muhammad, has sparked violent protests in many Muslim countries in recent days, including one in Libya in which the U.S. ambassador was killed. The U.S. has responded by deploying additional military forces to increase security in certain hot spots.

In a televised speech, Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah said the U.S. must be held accountable for the film, which was produced in the United States. The U.S. government has condemned the film. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

YouTube

- Google is refusing a White House request to take down an anti-Muslim clip on YouTube, but is restricting access to it in certain countries.
- The White House said Friday that it had asked YouTube to review whether the video violated its terms of use. Google owns YouTube, the online video sharing site.

Supporters of Islamic political movement Hizb ut-Tahrir protest outside the U.S. Embassy in London against the U.S.-made anti-Muslim film mocking the Prophet Muhammad on Sunday. SANG TAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Security concerns

Canadian embassies close for day

Canada closed three of its Middle East embassies for the day Sunday because of continued security concerns.

A spokesman for Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird says the missions in Egypt, Libya and Sudan will not be open to ensure the safety of diplomatic staff.

The U.S. State Department ordered the departure of all family members and non-essential personnel on Saturday from posts in Sudan and Tunisia.

It blames the security situation in the capitals of Tunis and Khartoum. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Flying Magnotta back to Canada a $375,000 job

Body-parts case. Private jet that flew alleged killer from Germany to Canada comes at hefty price tag for taxpayers

Luka Rocco Magnotta is taken by police from a Canadian military plane in Mirabel, Que., on June 18. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The cost to Canadian taxpayers for Luka Rocco Magnotta's extradition from Germany, aboard a government plane fit for the prime minister, is expected to be about $375,000.

The estimated price tag for the accused killer's unusual journey home includes flight expenses, catering service and a hotel stay for authorities who fetched the fugitive from across the Atlantic, according to federal documents obtained by The Canadian Press.

Berlin police arrested Magnotta in June to end an international manhunt following the killing of Chinese national Jun Lin.

Magnotta is facing several charges in connection with the gruesome slaying, including first-degree murder. The 30-year-old porn actor and stripper has pleaded not guilty to all counts.

Magnotta flew home aboard one of the military's CC-150 Polaris Airbus transport planes, an aircraft that can be configured to accommodate prominent passengers such as the prime minister, foreign dignitaries, the Governor General and members of the Royal Family.

At the time, a police official told media that commercial airlines had declined requests to transport Magnotta across the Atlantic.

Montreal police were thankful the federal government made the plane available for the extradition.

"How can we bring him back to Montreal on a commercial flight with other people sitting on board?" Cmdr. Ian Lafreniere said, shortly after Magnotta emerged from the plane. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Protests erupt across China over islands

Anti-Japanese protesters are confronted by police as they demonstrate over the disputed Diaoyu Islands on Sunday in Shenzhen, China. Protests have taken place across China in a dispute that is becoming increasingly worrying for regional stability. LAM YIK FEI/GETTY IMAGES

Sex scandal

Woman to lead U.S. military unit

The U.S. Air Force has chosen a woman to lead its basic training unit where dozens of female recruits have alleged they were sexually assaulted or harassed by male instructors in the past year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

10 soldiers dead

Sudanese army sinks own boat

An official says the South Sudanese military sank a boat carrying 170 of its own soldiers on the Nile river, killing at least 10, after mistaking them for enemy forces. Fifty soldiers are still missing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Namibia

Babies being flushed: Report

The Namibia Press Agency reports that some 40 babies and fetuses are dumped and flushed down toilets every month in Windhoek, Namibia's capital of just 350,000 people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Zimbabwe's PM is warned by court about bigamy

Tribal laws. Tsvangirai marries Saturday but doesn't sign marriage register after court rules he's still married to another woman

Zimbabwean Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai is seen with his wife Elizabeth Macheka during a wedding ceremony in Harare, Saturday. TSVANGIRAI MUKWAZHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Zimbabwe's prime minister said at his marriage ceremony Saturday that he had to date several women to find the one he truly loves.

Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai dismissed as propaganda the reports by the state media that say his private life is irresponsible.

A Zimbabwe magistrate ruled on Friday that Tsvangirai could not go ahead with a formal wedding after a jilted ex-lover filed a suit against him claiming the two were still married under Zimbabwe's tribal laws. The court held that Tsvangirai paid a traditional bride price for the woman last year and therefore was married to her.

The magistrate cautioned Tsvangirai that if he signed a legal marriage register with his new wife he could be prosecuted for bigamy.

Tsvangirai, 60 and Elizabeth Macheka, 35, exchanged vows but did not sign the register. Tsvangirai said that he had not made errors in seeing women since his wife of 31 years, Susan, 50, died in 2009. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jumping with precision

A member of a Russian traditional riding club jumps over his friend during the 200th anniversary festival of the battle of Borodino in 1812. It was the largest and bloodiest single day action in the French invasion of Russia. DMITRY LOVETSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Elysee Palace 'renter'

'The people are the landlords' : Hollande

French President Francois Hollande and his partner welcomed visitors to their "rented" home: the sumptuous Elysee Palace on Sunday.

Hollande and Valerie Trierweiler shook hands and signed autographs for crowds lining up to see the 18th-century mansion during France's annual open house festival when the doors to historical landmarks are opened. Hollande called himself "only a renter."

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Public warning

Scammer tried to improve sightlines

Some residents in West Vancouver have been receiving letters on city letterhead warning them to cut trees to nine metres or risk a fine. Police say the letter is a fraud and should be ignored.

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NATO. Afghan police kill 4 U.S. service members in latest insider attack

Afghan police killed four American soldiers coming to their aid after a checkpoint attack Sunday, the third assault by government forces or insurgents disguised in military uniforms in as many days.

The escalating violence — including a NATO air strike that killed eight Afghan women and girls gathering firewood — is straining the military partnership between Kabul and NATO as the U.S. begins to withdraw thousands of troops sent three years ago to flush the Taliban from southern strongholds.

A weekend of deadly attacks began Friday night, when 15 insurgents disguised in U.S. army uniforms killed two Marines, wounded nine other people and destroyed six Harrier fighter jets at a major U.S. base in the south, military officials said. On Saturday, a gunman in the uniform of a government-backed militia force shot dead two British soldiers in Helmand province in the southwest.

On Sunday, an Afghan police officer turned his gun on NATO troops at a remote checkpoint in the southern province of Zabul, killing four American service members, according to Afghan and international officials. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Somalia. New president sworn into office after failed assassination

Somalia's new leader was inaugurated Sunday amid tight security in the capital, Mogadishu, four days after President Hassan Skeikh Mohamud survived an assassination attempt.

Mohamud, a teacher and activist, won the election last week against outgoing President Sheik Sharif Sheikh Ahmed by a legislative vote of 190 to 79.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by some regional leaders, including the prime minister of Ethiopia and the president of Djibouti.

The attempt on Mohamud's life on his second day in office highlighted the serious security challenges he faces as he takes the helm of a country that has not had a stable government for more than two decades.

Foreign backing

- The UN-backed political process that resulted in Mohamud's election was condemned by Islamist militants who said it was manipulated by the West.
- But Mohamud has the support of the international community, which wants him to succeed and bring stability to the troubled Horn of Africa nation.

Mohamud himself acknowledged this fact, saying in his inauguration remarks that security was the paramount issue. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thousands of puppy distributors can be found online, and experts say Internet shopping is worsening the problem of inhumane dog breeding.
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Web driving unethical puppy farms: Experts

Animal welfare. Health problems common among pets

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A dustbin full of decomposing puppies was discovered at a farm in Wales last week. The previous day, investigators seized 200 dogs from a suspected puppy mill in Arkansas, where conditions were so unhealthy they wore biohazard suits. In Australia, a government review has been ordered into a problem that is out of control.

Websites such as puppyfind.com make distribution as easy as buying DVDs, offering a directory of 50,000 sellers to choose from. "Puppies for sale may be shipped worldwide and include crate," the site claims.

But experts believe that Internet shopping is encouraging unethical puppy farmers, with the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) estimating that these farms now produce 400,000 litters a year.

"The Internet has made it easy for a business to seem respectable," Andy Robbins, a spokesman for the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Britain's largest animal-welfare charity, told Metro. "People see a slick website and assume everything is fine. Technology has also made it much easier to forge health certificates."

A Kennel Club survey found that 20 per cent of British puppy owners bought their animal online, which can lead to a nasty surprise.

"We compare it to battery farming chickens, with the dogs treated as machines producing litters continuously in awful conditions," Kennel Club spokeswoman Heidi Ancell told Metro. "Some turn out OK, but many will have health problems and the puppy often dies soon after."

Ancell added it was a "potential risk" that traumatized or sick animals could be a threat to their owners.

Others feel buyers are to blame. "Breeders are responding to a demand," pet-lifestyle expert Dr. Jessica Vogelsang of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine wrote on her website.

"The public continues to approach dog ownership with a callous disregard and need for instant gratification that creates a never-ending supply of poorly bred animals that wind up in shelters and dead."

Tips on buying a puppy

- Avoid buying online.
- Insist on seeing the puppy with its mother in its breeding environment.
- Have the animal receive a full medical from a trusted doctor.

Reward for killing Rushdie gets a boost

Old vendetta. 1989 fatwa by late Iranian leader against British-Indian author calls for his death over depictions of Muhammad in novel

A semi-official religious foundation in Iran has increased a reward it had offered for the killing of British author Salman Rushdie to $3.3 million US from $2.8 million, a newspaper reported, days after protests coursed through the Muslim world over alleged insults to the Prophet Muhammad.

Hardline Jomhoori Eslami daily and other newspapers reported on Sunday that the move appeared to be linked to protests over an amateurish anti-Islam film, which crowds in some 20 countries said drove them to defend their faith — in some cases by attacking American embassies.

The report said the 15 Khordad Foundation will pay the higher reward to whoever acts on the 1989 fatwa, or religious edict, issued by Iran's late leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, which called for the death of the author of The Satanic Verses because the novel was considered blasphemous.

The paper said the decision to boost the original reward, offered in the 1990s, came from foundation head Ayatollah Hassan Saneii.

Khomeini's fatwa sent Rushdie into hiding under police protection, but that didn't stop him from writing more novels. In 1990, he published an apology and reiterated his respect for Islam.

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Author Salman Rushdie poses on the red carpet Sept. 9 for the new movie Midnight's Children during the 37th annual Toronto International Film Festival. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ringing in Rosh Hashanah

An Ultra-Orthodox Jew prays at the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City, before the start of the holiday of Rosh Hashanah, early Sunday. Jews marked the holiday of Rosh Hashanah, or the Jewish New Year, at sundown Sunday. BERNAT ARMANGUE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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On its anniversary, Occupy Wall Street struggles to define itself

Sept. 17 celebrations.
What started as protest against corporate greed became protest against 'every social ill'

Occupy Wall Street began to disintegrate in rapid fashion last winter, when the weekly meetings in New York City devolved into a spectacle of fistfights and vicious arguments.

Punches were thrown and objects were hurled at moderators' heads. Protesters accused each other of being patriarchal and racist and domineering. Nobody could agree on anything and nobody was in charge. The moderators went on strike and refused to show up, followed in quick succession by the people who kept the meeting minutes. And then the meetings stopped altogether.

In the city where the movement was born, Occupy was falling apart. "We weren't talking about real things at that point," says Pete Dutro, a tattoo artist who used to manage Occupy's finances but became disillusioned by the infighting and walked away months ago. "We were talking about each other."

The trouble with Occupy Wall Street, a year after it bloomed in a granite park in lower Manhattan and spread across the globe, is that nobody really knows what it is anymore.

On Monday, protesters will converge near the New York Stock Exchange to celebrate Occupy's anniversary, marking the day they began camping out in Zuccotti Park in lower Manhattan's financial district. Marches and rallies in more than 30 cities around the world will commemorate the day.

About 300 people observing the anniversary marched Saturday, and at least a dozen were arrested, mostly on charges of disorderly conduct, police said.

But the movement is now a shadow of its mighty infancy, when a group of young people harnessed the power of a disillusioned nation and took to the streets chanting about corporate greed and inequality.

Back then it was a rallying cry, a force to be reckoned with. But as the encampments were broken up and protesters lost a gathering place, Occupy in turn lost its ability to organize.

The movement had grown too large too quickly. Without leaders or specific demands, what started as a protest against income inequality turned into an amorphous protest against everything wrong with the world. "We were there to occupy Wall Street," Dutro says. "Not to talk about every social ill that we have."

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Loose affiliation

- The community that took shape in Zuccotti Park still exists, albeit in a far less cohesive form. Occupiers mostly keep in touch through a smattering of websites and social networks.
- Meetings are generally only convened to organize around specific events, like the much-hyped May Day event that ultimately fizzled last spring.

The Raging Grannies, an Occupy Wall Street music group, sing a song in New York City's Foley Square on Sunday, on the eve of the one-year anniversary of the start of their movement. ANDREW BURTON/GETTY IMAGES

Labour negotiations

CAW will focus on talks with Ford

The head of the Canadian Auto Workers says the union will focus its negotiations with the Big Three automakers on reaching a deal with Ford. Ken Lewenza says Ford has shown the most willingness to reach a new contract and the union will work around the clock to achieve that. The CAW has threatened strike action if there is no deal by late Monday night.

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Foreign investment

Rallies denounce India's decision to open retail market

Angry Indian opposition parties protested on Saturday against the government's decision to open the country's huge retail market to foreign retailers.

The government's surprise announcement Friday that it will allow foreign investment in retail and aviation and the sale of minority stakes in four state-run companies evoked sharp criticism.

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Berkshire Hathaway

Buffett's radiation treatments over

Warren Buffett says he's finished his radiation treatments for prostate cancer. The billionaire investor and chairman and CEO of investment firm Berkshire Hathaway Inc. broke the news Friday while speaking to a group of executives from newspapers he owns. "It's a great day for me. Today I had my 44th and last day of radiation," he said, according to the Berkshire-owned Omaha World-Herald.

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Twitter hands over records in Occupy Wall Street case

Twitter on Friday agreed to hand over about three months' worth of tweets to a judge overseeing the criminal trial of an Occupy Wall Street protester, a case that has become a closely watched fight over how much access law enforcement agencies should have to material posted on social networks.

Twitter had been threatened with steep fines if it did not comply with Judge Matthew Sciarrino Jr.'s order to turn over the records in the case of Malcolm Harris.

Twitter's lawyer, Terryl Brown, called the options it faced — waiving its right to appeal or being held in contempt of court — "unfair" and "unjust," though ultimately he handed over a thick white envelope full of Harris' information.

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COACH VS. MAYOR: FORD SHOULD STICK TO THE JOB HE'S GOOD AT

URBAN COMPASS
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By most accounts, Rob Ford is a very good football coach. He's not a very good mayor.

So why keep forcing the issue? Amidst damning allegations that he's been using office staff and resources to help run his high school football team, Ford should do the only sensible thing: leave this city hall business behind and focus on football. He should devote his time to the job he's good at.

For a guy who knows way more about passing footballs than he does about passing items at city council, ditching politics for sports is an obvious choice.

On the field, Ford has a respectable record. His Don Bosco Eagles routinely post winning seasons and challenge for championships. Even more impressive is that Ford essentially built the school's football program from nothing, giving kids from low-income neighbourhoods a new chance to get involved in something meaningful.

Defence

On the field, Ford has a respectable record. His Don Bosco Eagles routinely post winning seasons and challenge for championships.

There's no doubt Ford has helped kids graduate and kept them away from gangs. He's made lives better.

In committee rooms and council chamber at city hall, however, the mayor's been an ineffective mess. His antics routinely distract the public from important issues like transit, housing or taxes. And there's a mounting pile of evidence that says he just can't be bothered to show up to work as often as he probably should.

Even supporters who consider themselves fans of Ford's core principles — slashing budgets, ending the war on the car, complaining about socialists, etc. — have got to realize that the mayor has killed any chance he once had at turning those principles into policy. He hasn't won a significant vote at city council in almost a year.

The mayor simply doesn't know how to score points in the city hall game. Rob Ford's political playbook is nothing but a single scrawled piece of paper that reads "YELL ABOUT STUFF." And, even though it's a proven loser, he keeps running that same play.

More importantly, football seems to make Ford happy. When he stood on the stage at a backyard party a couple of weeks ago, his fiery speech culminated not with future political goals but with a booming promise that he would take his kids to the Metro Bowl championship this year.

I don't think I've ever heard him so enthusiastic. Football inspires Rob Ford in a way that being mayor doesn't.

And there's nothing wrong with that, except that it's become clear that there's not really room in his life for both politics and coaching. Ford has got to choose between the mayor's office and the football field.

He should pick the field. Out there, at least, Rob Ford knows how to win.

Now you're just pulling my finger

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German championships

More than just twiddling thumbs

A Bavarian man pulls his opponent over the table during the German Finger Wrestling championships in Warngau, Germany, Sunday.

Competitors battled for the title in this traditional rural sport where the winner has to pull his opponent over the marked line on the table.

In the game — also known as Fingerhakeln — the competitors use nothing more than their fingers and a rubber strap to defeat their opponent.

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A judge adjusts the leather ring held by two competitors with their middle fingers at the German Finger Wrestling championships in Warngau, Germany, Sunday.

Lederhosen-clad men

- More than 150 men in Warngau took part.
- Legend has it that finger wrestling started as a way to settle arguments, Time magazine says.
- Bloody knuckles, stretched ligaments and tendons are all part of the competition, according to the magazine.
- The tug-of-war is now a regulated sport, with rules governing the size of the table and width of the leather band.

Parking-lot birth

How to obtain a lifetime supply of NASCAR tickets

A New Hampshire woman and her baby are doing fine after the woman gave birth in the New Hampshire Motor Speedway parking lot.

Shawna Arnold began going into labour Friday and she and her boyfriend began driving to a hospital. But when she realized she was about to give birth on the way, they made a pit stop at the racetrack parking lot in Loudon.

Arnold tells WMUR-TV that she and her boyfriend delivered the baby, named Katie, in their car. An EMT at the track then came to help, and the couple and the baby were taken to a hospital.

Speedway general manager Jerry Gappens has awarded the baby two tickets to NASCAR races for the rest of her life.

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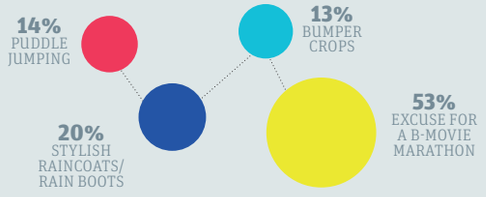

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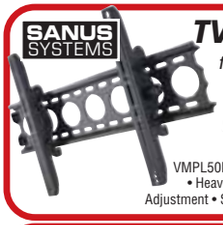

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Bad 25, directed by Spike Lee, features commentary from celebrities who were inspired by Michael Jackson, including Mariah Carey. HANDOUT

Spike Lee doc transcends the man in the mirror

Bad 25. Documentary puts spotlight on the undeniable talent and human side of Michael Jackson — behind the fame and chaos

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What do you do when you're the man behind the bestselling album in music history?

You vow that your next one will be even better, naturally.

Such is the pursuit of perfection that propelled — and plagued — Michael Jackson as he spent two years writing and composing Bad, his followup to 1982's Thriller.

In Spike Lee's documentary, Bad 25, we learn that in the Bad years, Jackson scrawled '100 million' on his bathroom mirror, so every morning as he brushed his teeth, he'd be reminded of his goal — sell 100 million records.

The album, released in 1987, ended up being a commercial and critical success, with around 40 million copies sold. But it never came close to the sales of Thriller, which rang in somewhere near the 100 million mark.

The failure to reach his 100 million goal wasn't for lack of effort on Jackson's part, though.

Bad 25 reveals the late-night dance sessions, the meticulous recordings and the almost pathological work ethic of a man who seemed to be chasing a near-impossible dream.

"Michael got his work ethic from his father," says Lee on Saturday at Toronto's Trump Hotel, dressed in a T-shirt sporting Michael Jackson's iconic Bad pose, just hours before the North American premiere of his documentary at TIFF.

"(Joe Jackson) had him singing and dancing from five, six years old. I'm not going to make a villain out of Joe Jackson. Many people do, but he got their asses out of Gary Indiana and his children didn't have to work at the steel mill that he slaved at. Something worked. He's not all bad."

But as anyone knows, getting out of Gary and becoming the world's biggest pop star didn't come without its struggles. As Jackson was promoting Bad and selling out venues around the world in a 16-month tour that set three world records, darkness was moving in on his star power.

The media became increasingly cruel as Jackson's behaviour became increasingly bizarre — there were tales of him sleeping in a hyperbaric chamber, his pet chimpanzee Bubbles, and rumours that he had tried to buy the Elephant Man's bones.

In the documentary, Jackson's choreographer and confidant Vince Patterson shares some advice he gave the superstar: Don't ever let a bully know they're hurting you.

It's a poignant moment when we are reminded that despite his fame and fortune, Jackson was human — a remarkably talented human — and that somewhere in the mess of scandals and rumours, the wonder of that talent got lost.

Bad 25 reminds us just how wondrous that talent was. Witness the lean in Smooth Criminal (don't hold your breath — this doc doesn't reveal the secret behind it), or the head-turning intro to The Way You Make Me Feel.

For Lee, Bad 25 is an ode to Jackson the performer; a tribute to an artist and friend he respected. "I try not to focus on the fact that he's not here, because the way I take it, Michael's not here in his physical form, but he's here in his spiritual form and his music is here," says Lee.

So bad it's good

The reissue of the Bad album, Bad 25, comes out on Tuesday.

- **Album.** Includes unreleased demos and a DVD of his performance at Wembley Stadium, attended by Prince Charles and Princess Diana.
- **Documentary.** Spike Lee's documentary Bad 25 will air on ABC on November 22.

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Matteo Garrone brings his film to the real world

Reality. Director of the Grand Jury Prize winner at Cannes offers his movie on TV culture to its first 'normal' crowd

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Metro World News at TIFF

Italian director Matteo Garrone brought his latest, Reality, to the 2012 Toronto International Film Festival fresh off its Grand Jury Prize win at Cannes — and his own turn as a jury member in Venice. His followup to the critically acclaimed Gomorrah follows a Naples-based family man who becomes obsessed with getting cast on Big Brother. And Garrone is thrilled to be showing it for the first time to a crowd of "normal" people.

How are you enjoying the reception you've gotten in Toronto?

(When) I had the screening ... I was very happy. For the first time in my life, I received a very warm reception (laughs). For instance, I came four years ago with Gomorrah here, and the reception was very controversial and very cold, in a way, because I remember there were a lot of immigrants from Naples that came to see Napoli only to discover a disaster. So they were almost angry with me. In this case, it's a movie that is much warmer than Gomorrah, a different tone. I was very thrilled.

How has Toronto compared to Cannes?

It's the first time with an audience that is normal, not the audience that you see in Cannes that are more involved in cinema. When I saw the movie in Cannes, I liked it very much, the beginning and the end. And then the rest was a disaster. Maybe because I saw it so many times that it was really a nightmare. I was very under pressure, and I knew the movie so well, so everything seems to me unsurprising, and I felt that also the other 2,000 people had the same feeling of hating it so much. Fortunately, that was just my paranoia.

Big Brother seems an interesting choice for a topic of a film.

We didn't think when we wrote the story that it was so important that it's Big Brother. Instead of Big Brother, it could be some other program. It's a sort of lottery, the chance that the television gives to everybody to escape from their reality and reach their dreams. So in a way this movie shows in a very particular story lots of the risk of these dreams. For many people in Italy, to be in television, it means to exist. What you see in television is much more real than your life, in a way, because it's a sort of justification of reality.

Matteo Garrone says Reality is a look at the seduction of the reality TV genre. GETTY IMAGES

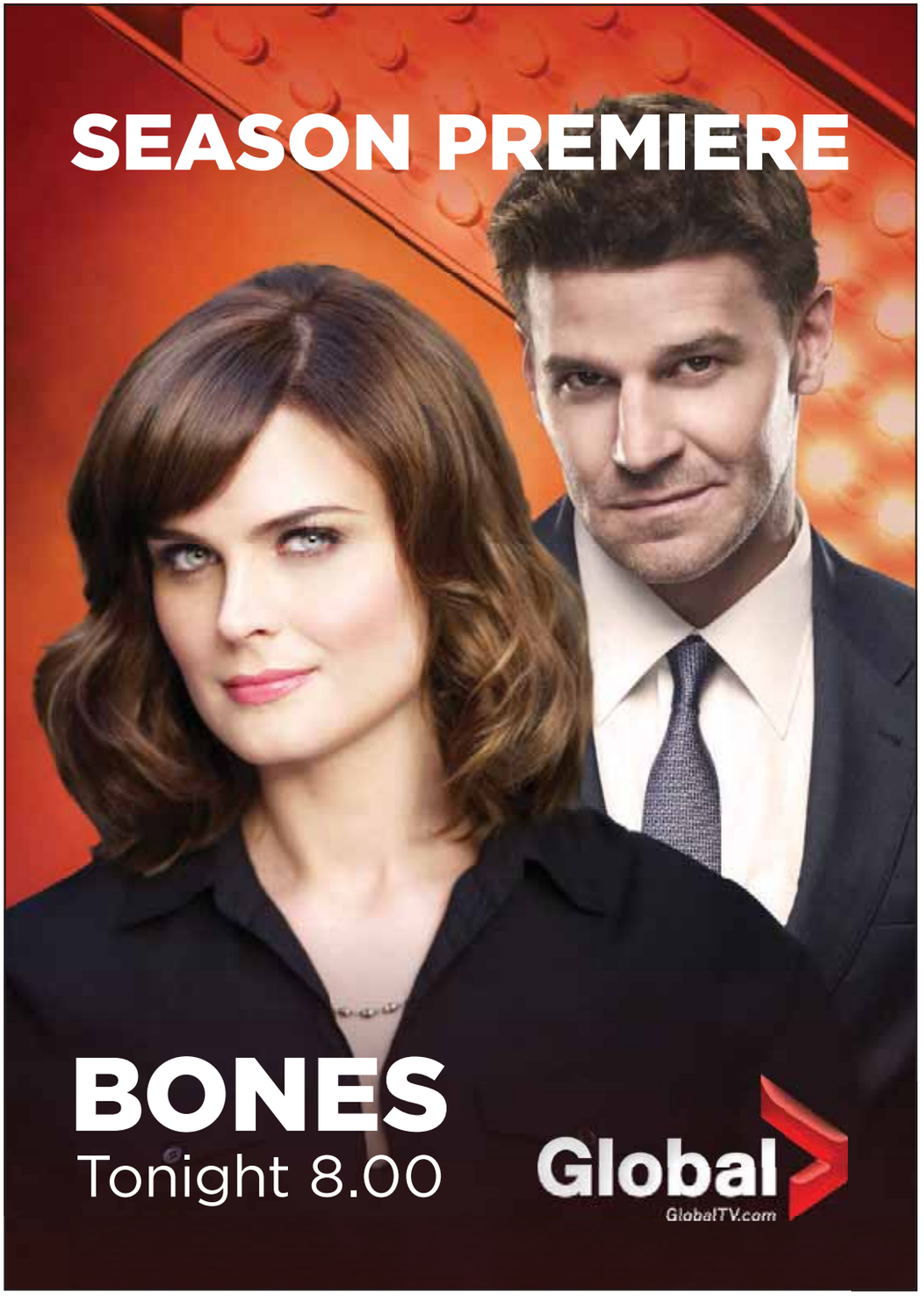
We had an approach when we made this movie that was very simple, not intellectual. We tried to understand the reason of the character, not to look down from above and judge, but to understand the seduction of the system. It was my most difficult movie, this one, because when you talk about this stuff it's very easy to make a mess. It's very risky when you talk about television in cinema. I knew that.

Prize fight

Garrone's Venice woes

Matteo Garrone started his summer picking up the Grand Jury Prize at Cannes for Reality and ended it on the jury himself for the Venice Film Festival — a jury that's faced some criticism for its decision to award Paul Thomas Anderson's The Master awards for directing and acting but not give it the top prize, the Golden Lion, awarding that instead to Kim Ki-duk for Pieta. Jury head Michael Mann has defended the decision, citing specific festival rules, and Garrone says he agrees.

"There is a rule, like in Cannes. If you get the Palme d'Or or the Golden Lion, it's just this prize. You can't give also best actor," he tells Metro. "I remember we were split 50-50 between these two movies, but all nine of the jury were happy either way, because I voted for Kim Ki-duk, but I loved The Master. I would've been happy if The Master had won, and the people who voted for The Master were happy that Kim Ki-duk won. But in the end, I think Kim Ki-duk needs more attention. We can help it much more than The Master, which the Weinsteins are behind. But for me, they're two great, great movies, so we were very, very happy either way."



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Stars that lit up TIFF

Roundup. Here are the performances that turned heads at this year's fest — and some of the other notable events

The usually genial Tom Hanks wasn't quite so friendly at TIFF. GETTY IMAGES

Joaquin Phoenix: Four years after retreating into a bizarre alter ego that saw him hidden behind dark glasses, a wild beard and hazy stupor, Joaquin Phoenix arguably turns in an even more daring performance as the feral alcoholic Freddie Quell in P.T. Anderson's epic period drama The Master. Driven purely by animal instinct, Freddie is all id to the calculating ego of Philip Seymour Hoffman's Lancaster Dodd, the founder of a cult-like spiritual organization not unlike Scientology. Freddie's insecurities manifest in nearly every part of Phoenix's compact frame: his face twists into a constant scowl, his back hunches forward in an awkward slump and his hands constantly seek refuge in the small of his back. It's a risky performance that's not easy to watch, but is always formidable.

Joaquin Phoenix turns a daring performance in The Master. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two of a kind

What are the odds that two indie films about addiction-addled school teachers would make buzz at the same festival? Both Smashed and Yellow share a remarkably similar premise: a female elementary school teacher who goes to class drunk or high and ultimately loses her job. Smashed is a far darker and grim look at alcoholism, while Yellow injects humour and levity in portraying one woman's addiction to prescription drugs.

Dennis Quaid: Best known for a string of romantic and hero-type roles in the '80s and '90s, Quaid reinvents his trademark Hollywood smile and leading man swagger to embody the awkward desperation of salesman Henry Whipple in the family farm drama At Any Price. There's an anger seething just below the surface in just about everything Henry does, from glad-handing neighbours and business rivals to boasting about the exploits of his absent football star son, to superficial breakfast pep talks aimed at his equally disinterested youngest child, played by Zac Efron. Henry's picture-perfect life is held together by sheer force of will, and it's Quaid's carefully calibrated performance that helps makes this unconventional drama one of the most memorable of the fest.

Onata Aprile: She's just 17 years old, but this saucer-eyed pixie commands the screen like a seasoned acting vet in What Maisie Knew, a well-crafted tearjerker about a young girl in the middle of a bitter custody battle. Onata steals the show from adult leads Julianne Moore, Steve Coogan and Alexander Skarsgard with her quiet presence, powerfully conveying the bewilderment, yearning and sadness of a child surrounded by selfish adults.

John Hawkes: This well-known character actor admitted during the fest that he's still feeling the physical effects of contorting his body to play a bed-ridden polio victim desperate to experience intimacy in The Sessions. The payoff for his pain will very likely be an Oscar nomination. Hawkes portrays the late real-life poet Mark O'Brien with a masterful mix of shyness and humour. Helen Hunt, meanwhile, turns in a daring and raw performance as the sex surrogate trying to help him.

Robert De Niro: The two-time Oscar winner has taken roles in some questionable films lately, putting in dispassionate turns in such dubious fare as New Year's Eve, Red Lights and last year's festival dud, Killer Elite. But the 69-year-old seems positively rejuvenated in David O. Russell's sensational comedy The Silver Linings Playbook, portraying a gambling addict and obsessive football fan who believes every factor in his environment — even the placement of his remote controls — affects how his beloved Philadelphia Eagles perform.

Marion Cotillard: The Oscar-winning stunner strips off her makeup and, dare we say, even looks a bit haggard (relatively speaking, of course) as a depressed orca trainer who loses her legs in Rust & Bone. Director Jacques Audiard deftly uses CGI tools to make her character's amputation appear as real as possible, but it's Cotillard's powerful performance that allows the audience to fully believe her harrowing situation.

Rachel Mwanza: As Montreal-born writer/director Kim Nguyen put it, novice star Mwanza has a unique on-screen quality that he likely wouldn't find in a professionally trained actor. That's because the 15-year-old once lived on the streets in her Congolese hometown of Kinshasa and already had a sense of fearlessness before taking on the role of a child soldier in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Long movies: This year's TIFF gave new meaning to the expression "movie marathon" thanks to a slew of high-profile titles that stretched well beyond the two-hour mark. The much-anticipated Cloud Atlas requires two hours and 43 minutes to cram six storylines into its centuries-sweeping, genre-busting tale, while Deepa Mehta's big screen adaptation of Salman Rushdie's book Midnight's Children uses nearly two-and-a-half hours to recount the early days of India's independence, as seen through the eyes of a magical child who comes of age at the same time. The Place Beyond the Pines, the second collaboration between director Derek Cianfrance and star Ryan Gosling, runs two hours and 20 minutes as it details an epic crime story over three acts. Meanwhile, Quebec phenom director Xavier Dolan cut his transsexual relationship drama Laurence Anyways down to two hours and 41 minutes.

Huffy Hanks: The usually genial Tom Hanks displayed a sharper edge during the news conference for his ambitious epic Cloud Atlas, bringing down the otherwise rollicking affair to lambaste organizers for the way they treated A-list guests. "Why do you run your celebrities through a pen like we're bulls on the way to slaughter?" he asked. "It's the narrowest ... entrance to a theatre I've ever had. I thought someone was going to be on the other side with a club they were going to put through my head. It was a very, very scary enterprise." Later, he slyly slammed reviewers by declaring his favourite Cloud Atlas character to be the gangster-author Dermot Hoggins "because he got to throw a critic off a balcony to his horrible crushing death." Perhaps that impulse was what prompted him to grab a reporter's smartphone on the red carpet and toss it a few feet away, causing its back cover to pop off and the battery to spill out.

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Fest faves. Eleven days and 289 features later, here are 10 must-sees

The Toronto International Film Festival ended on the weekend. Here are some of the favourites (in alphabetical order):

Argo: Textbook popcorn thriller, but it works. This crackerjack political drama definitively establishes Ben Affleck as one of Hollywood's top directors, while shedding light on a previously secret CIA mission to extract six U.S. citizens from Iran during the 1979 hostage crisis. It sets a relentless pace from the get-go. (Opens Oct. 12)

Bad 25: Spike Lee focuses his new documentary on Michael Jackson's erratic Thriller follow-up, Bad. Lee's riveting film is jam-packed with mesmerizing archival material and insightful interviews. (Airs on ABC on Nov. 22)

A Late Quartet: Critical darlings Philip Seymour Hoffman, Catherine Keener and Christopher Walken star in this exquisite tale of a New York City string quartet thrown into disarray after their leader becomes ill. (Opens Nov. 23)

Looper: Selecting the festival's opening film can't be easy and the final decision is usually a subject of much debate. But there's no question TIFF organizers nailed it this year. Industry insiders had good reason to show up for Day 1 of the festival, to catch the world premiere of this smart, sci-fi film starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Bruce Willis and Emily Blunt. (Opens Sept. 28)

Love is All You Need: In different hands, this could have been a typically trite feel-good romcom — a Danish Mamma Mia! without the musical outbursts. But Oscar-winning director Susanne Bier balances fizz with feeling in a film that remains breezy while acknowledging some harsh truths. (Opens in 2013)

Quartet: Two-time Oscar-winning actor Dustin Hoffman deserves a big Bravo for directing this sharp and charming comedy, about a retirement home occupied by former opera artists.

Rust & Bone: A makeup-less Marion Cotillard delivers a haunting portrait of a depressed and hopeless orca trainer who loses her legs in an accident at work. (Opens Dec. 21)

Silver Linings Playbook: The seriously messed-up romantic leads of this huge-hearted comedy, played by Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence, are brought together by their shared urge for honesty. This film expertly mines laughs from its cast of engaging oddballs — including a surprising Robert De Niro playing against type — without making fun of them. (Opens Nov. 21)

Smashed: Here's a look at alcoholism that's grounded by a moving naturalism, even as its flawed heroine spirals through after-work benders that go from hilarious to sad to frightening. Mary Elizabeth Winstead delivers a career-making performance. (Opens Nov. 2)

Yellow: The Notebook director Nick Cassavetes helms this quirky movie. The dark dramatic comedy stars Heather Wahlquist as a pill-popping substitute elementary school teacher.

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Argo establishes Ben Affleck as a great director. HANDOUT

Lianne La Havas is one for the future. GETTY IMAGES

Lianne La Havas shows her love is Big Enough

New music. English entertainer arrives on the scene with a soul-folk sugar that is whip-smart and refreshingly honest

Quote

"It's quite easy to write about your pain but you should write about your happiness as well. It's just as strong a relationship."

Lianne La Havas
Talking about how she writes her songs.

EVE HYMAN
Metro World News

England spawns smart, lovely songbirds like Adele and Lily Allen and, its latest ingénue, Lianne La Havas.

The debut from the 23-year-old singer/songwriter, Is Your Love Big Enough? features jazz-soul production and haunting pipes. Comparisons to Norah Jones or Lauryn Hill are to be expected. But La Havas' style is remarkably original and uplifting.

"When I started playing the guitar, my songwriting changed," she says. "I started exploring different ways I could write songs."

Her look is Paris boudoir meets English country road. She is a retro vision seeped in Sade echoes and jazz guitar.

Songwriting has a through-the-looking-glass sort of poetry that keeps the listener hooked on every syllable so as not to miss a poignant turn of phrase.

"It's quite an eclectic record," the singer says. "There's an overall theme of love. The sounds are very electric-guitar led."

Guitar lines alternate from harp-like tinkles to rhythmic slide on songs like Empty and No Room For Doubt and bass-y riffs on the powerful Forget.

With lyrics that are both earnest and whip-smart, La Havas effortlessly weaves whimsical with wise. Even her blues sparkle. Dropping in on the artist's world is a pleasure, her Victorian neckline and cosy-chic side-bun package is a homespun musical treat.

"It's quite easy to write about your pain but you should write about your happiness as well," she explains. "It's just as strong a relationship."

The singer says the title track of her album features a different type of strong relationship.

"My single, Is Your Love Big Enough? is not about any of my boyfriends," she says, bucking the scorned woman trend. "It's written about a great time I had when I was in New York."

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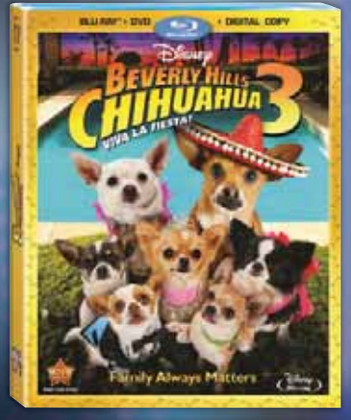

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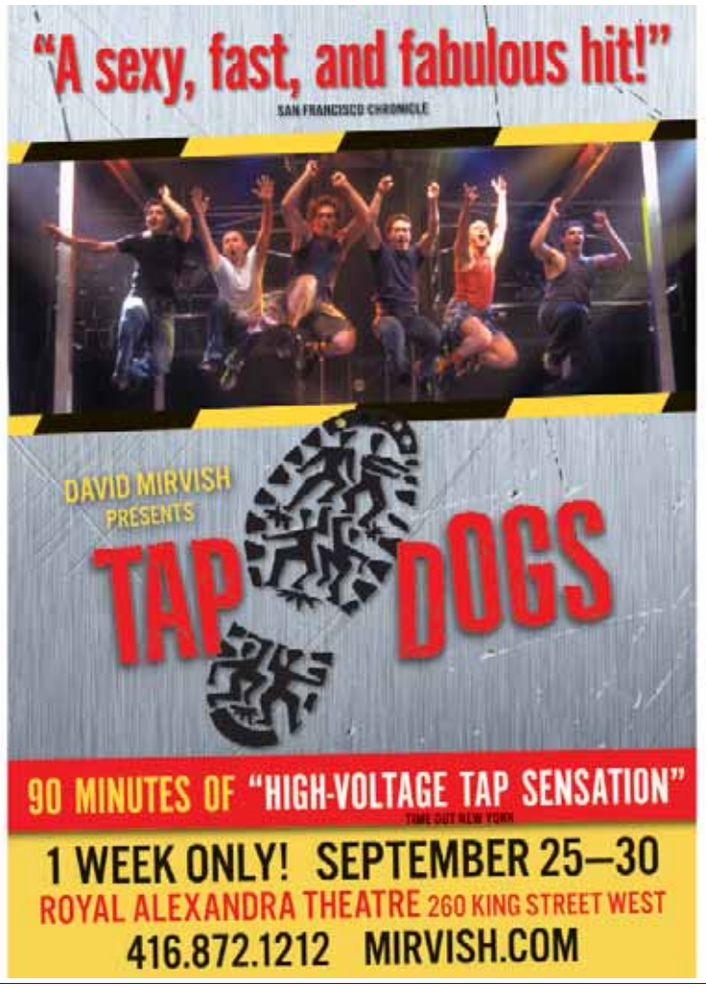

Mary-Louise Parker believes the dichotomy of her character is what makes her so charming. HANDOUT

All grown op

Weeds. As the cult hit ends, Mary-Louise Parker reflects on her controversial character

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While eight seasons of Weeds came to a close last night, one lingering question regarding pot-selling mom Nancy Botwin remains: is she an indomitable provider for her family or the worst mother ever?

"I never want to resolve that," series creator Jenji Kohan says. "I mean, one of the main premises of Weeds is this gray area, that no one is black and white, that no one's the worst mother or the greatest mother, that everyone is a mess to a certain extent and you're not defined by how you're behaving on one specific day."

The woman who brought Nancy to life, actress Mary-Louise Parker, believes that realistic dichotomy — illegal endeavors aside, perhaps — is what has made the character so endearing.

"She's guileless," Parker says. "She just continues to make the wrong choices. Her heart's usually in the right place, and she just can't be defeated, and she keeps trying. When I distill her into one thing, that's what I think about ... and what I like about her."

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Aaron Ashmore gets a second chance in Warehouse 13

Character resurrected. After sacrificing himself in the line of duty, Agent Steve Jinks is back to fight another day in sci-fi series

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During last year's penultimate episode of Warehouse 13, Aaron Ashmore's character of Agent Steve Jinks sacrificed himself in the line of duty.

In the sci-fi world, though, you never really die, and sometimes you can actually cheat death. Steve has managed to do just that — with the help of his Warehouse friends — and is back to fight another day in the show's fourth season. For Ashmore, taking that journey with his character was something he thoroughly enjoyed as an actor.

"The show's writers did a great job of building up my character throughout last season, and I really liked the fact that he basically ended up putting himself on the line to save others," says Ashmore, whose character returned in Friday's episode of the Showcase series.

"I think Steve was very much aware that going undercover would be dangerous, but he had become part of this (Warehouse) family and believed so much in what they were doing that he was willing to risk his life like that. I loved that the writers took Steve there and gave him that much responsibility.

"When I initially read the script (Emily Lake) and the scene where Steve's teammates find his body, I thought, 'Wow, this is so good.' It was staged in a pretty powerful way. I mean, it's one thing as an actor to sit there and play dead, but here you had the performances of all the other actors coming in and their reactions to finding Steve's body. When I saw it all pieced together in the end I found it incredibly moving."

Fellow Warehouse agent Claudia Donovan (Allison Scagliotti) played a pivotal role in resurrecting Steve, and while there is no romance brewing between the two, her actions further impact the characters' relationship.

"I can't give too much away, but Claudia and Steve count on each other quite a bit this season and in ways that perhaps aren't obvious right away to viewers," notes Ashmore.

"Then, however, things begin to develop and it's clear that they really need one another to survive."

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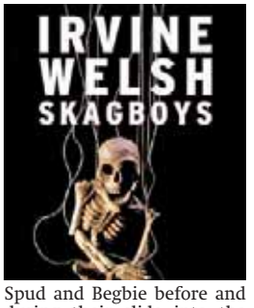

Describing himself as "pretty itinerant," Irvine Welsh rattles off the list of cities that he's called, to some degree, home: Edinburgh, Amsterdam, London, Manchester, Dublin, San Francisco. The Scottish author has settled down a bit in recent years, which gave him the opportunity to unpack a few old boxes, one of which contained 100,000 words he'd cut from Trainspotting.

The result is Skagboys, the new prequel that depicts the lives of Renton, Sick Boy, Spud and Begbie before and during their slide into the heroin addiction and other bad behaviour memorialized in Welsh's first novel.

The new book was written with nearly two decades' perspective.

"In some ways it's really good because you've got this distance and wisdom about it all," Welsh says.

"On the other hand, it's not right in your face. This is kind of a hybrid of the two because a lot of the stuff was actually written at that time, so I had the advantage of being right in the heart of it all and then getting to take a 20-year break and look back at it."

Much of that perspective is on Thatcherism and other elements of British political culture in the early '80s, which play a role in the characters' addictions.

"I wanted to write about how the changes in the society influenced peoples' lives in Trainspotting, but it seemed to be a bit rambling," Welsh recalls.

"I don't think I had the experience and the writing chops to do that at the time. Getting to go back and look at the bigger picture satisfied that and satisfied my urge to work with these characters again."

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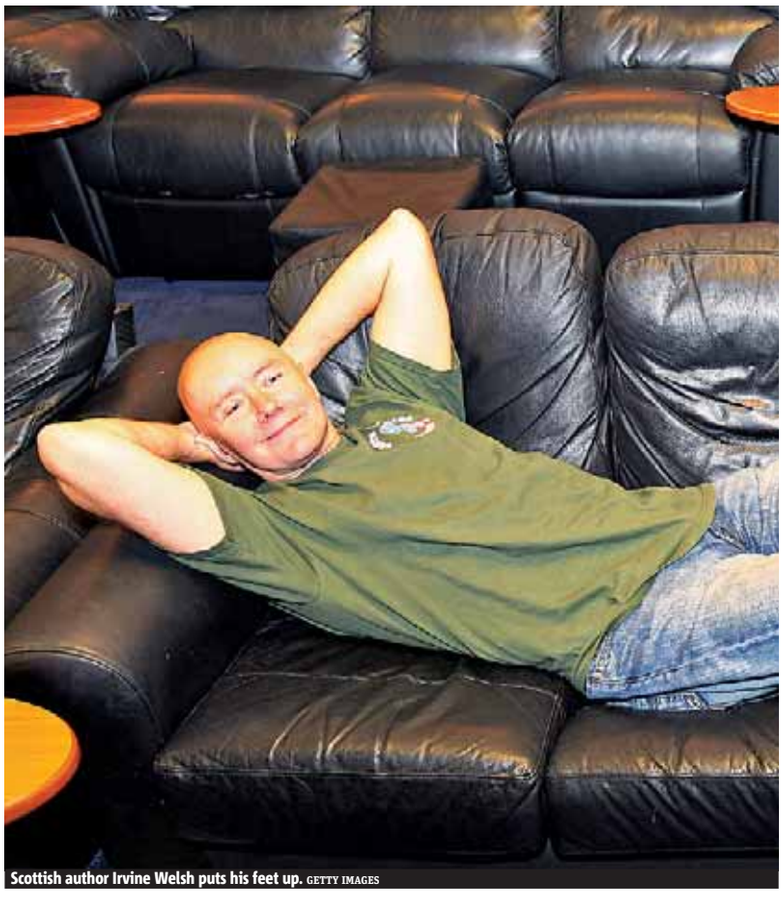

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Royal lawyers: Block those nips!

Will the Italian media group Mondadori lose their shirts for publishing photos of Kate Middleton without hers on?

It certainly looks that way, with the Royal Family seeking damages from Mondadori, which is owned by former Italian premier Silvio Berlusconi.

Lawyers for the Royals are also going to court in France to try to stop further publication in that country of the now-infamous topless photos of Kate.

Meanwhile, YouPorn.com — a site that usually doesn't need publicity — has generated some by offering an "open checkbook" to procure the snaps.

It might just be me, but it's hard to find any sympathy for Middleton. When you know you are going to become the next Queen of England, it's time to put your topless sunbathing days behind you. Seems like a fair swap, right?

Kate Middleton.
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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Nicki Minaj and Keith Urban join Idol

THE WORD
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The new judges panel for the 12th season of American Idol was announced Sunday via a press release from Fox. Joining confirmed judges Mariah Carey and Randy Jackson will be the new additions of Nicki Minaj and Keith Urban.

"With the exciting addition of Mariah Carey, Keith Urban and Nicki Minaj, alongside Randy Jackson, American Idol's star power has never been so great," said Idol executive producer Simon Fuller in a boilerplate quote. Judging by other statements in the release — "We've put together one of the most exciting judging panels around," said Mike Darnell, president of alternative entertainment for Fox — you can tell the network honchos are feeling the heat from the other all-star panels at rival singing competitions such as The Voice and X-Factor, where Britney Spears is currently killing it as a judge.

What do you think of these new additions? As always, feel free to write in to let me know your opinion. As for this gossip columnist, I just hope Nicki Minaj's multiple personalities can make up for Urban's lack of one.

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Mobile manners: Teach them etiquette, and take notes yourself

Teach your kids mobile manners early on. ISTOCK

Parenting. Back to school shopping often involves getting the latest cellphone. Too bad the instruction manuals don't include lessons on behaviour

IT'S ALL RELATIVE
Kathy Buckworth,
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The new school year is well underway, and with it, a new learning challenge for parents: How to teach kids to use their cellphones.

Not just from a safety perspective (not texting or talking on a handheld device when driving, not walking across busy roads and texting, not giving away passwords, etc.), but from a "mobile manners" point of view as well.

It's important as role models that parents practice what they preach and adhere to the following rules themselves.

• Not texting or answering calls when in the middle of a conversation, unless you have advised the person you're speaking with you might have to do so at some point.
• No texting during mealtime. (First one to pick up their phone does the dishes!)
• Enforcing that you support the "no cellphone" rule in the classroom by not calling or texting your kids during the school day unless urgent.
• Not talking on a cellphone in quiet public places.

It's also important to research the coverage plan you want to purchase. Examine the type of usage you expect your child to have (no Internet access for younger kids) and speak to an independent dealer who can show you different carrier packages. Unlimited plans are available, and a prepaid option will easily keep the budget in line. Depending on the age of the child and his earning ability, have him pay for the monthly usage to get an understanding of the expense.

And remember, even the "smartest" of phones can be simplified down to just texting and talking, depending on the plan you choose, so repurposing an old smartphone of your own is an option. KATHY BUCKWORTH IS AN AWARD WINNING WRITER. VISIT KATHYBUCKWORTH.COM/ OR FOLLOW KATHY ON TWITTER @KATHYBUCKWORTH

Cells by the numbers

According to a new study by President's Choice Services Inc., 48 per cent of Canadian parents with children aged 11 and older now let their kids carry a cellphone. The majority of Canadians (52 per cent) felt somewhere between the ages of 13 to 16 was an appropriate age to give a child a mobile device, compared to the 31 per cent of Canadians who felt that teens age 17 or older could better handle the responsibility of a cellphone. Approximately 10 per cent cited 9 to 12 as the right age bracket; while only one per cent felt children aged 6 to 8 should have their own mobile device.

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Head lice don't have to create a hairy situation

LINDA LABAN
Metro World News in Boston

Head lice isn't an aspect of parenting that anyone wants a part of, but it's so common that most end up dealing with it at some point.

"Lice are so prevalent, I've had to deal with it as a parent, too," says Boston-based pediatrician Dr. Nancy Kahn, a clinical instructor of pediatric medicine at Harvard Medical School.

"One study found that one in four elementary school kids gets them. They're so contagious, but they have to be transported by another vehicle. You get them from sharing scrunchies, a comb, brush or hat with someone who has them."

The big problem isn't killing the adult lice; it's detecting the eggs, called nits, and removing them to prevent further infection.

Nits stick like glue to the hair shaft. "The eggs are grayish-white," Kahn says. "If you see a white spot on the hair that can be flicked off, it isn't nits, it's dandruff or [lint]. If it's stuck on the hair, it's nits."

Treatment varies from over-the-counter shampoos and topical solutions, but "these contain pesticides, so there is the worry that you're putting pesticides on your child's head for several hours," Kahn says.

For a home remedy, try olive oil: "This basically suffocates them," she says.

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Slow cook mouth-watering flavours of delectable paella

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This recipe serves four. RYAN SZULC, FROM REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVOURITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)

I love paella but I find it takes too long to cook, especially if I've just walked in the door and want something on the table in a hurry. The slow cooker is the perfect solution. All you have to do is add the seafood 30 minutes before you're ready to eat.

1. Cube chicken and dust with flour. Lightly coat a large, nonstick skillet with cooking spray and set over medium-high heat. Add the oil. Brown the chicken on all sides, for about 3 minutes or just until cooked. Remove from the pan and set aside.

2. Again lightly coat the pan with cooking spray. Add the sausage and cook over medium-high heat for 5 minutes or until cooked through. Remove from the pan with a slotted spoon, draining as much of the fat as possible. Set aside.

3. Wipe out pan and respray. Cook onion and garlic over medium-high heat 4 minutes or until softened. Stir in peppers and cook 3 minutes. Stir in the rice and cook for 1 minute. Add the chicken, sausage, chicken stock, tomatoes, basil, oregano, bay leaf, saffron (if using), salt and pepper. Bring to a boil.

4. Place everything in slow cooker and cook on high setting 3 hours or on low setting for 5 hours. Add shrimp and mussels during last 30 minutes if slow cooker is on the high setting, or during last 60 minutes if on low. Serve garnished with parsley. **ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVOURITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)**

Ingredients

- 12 oz skinless boneless chicken breasts
- 3 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 6 oz mild Italian sausage, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1 cup chopped red and green bell pepper
- 1 cup brown rice
- 3 cups chicken stock
- 3 cups chopped plum tomatoes
- 2 tsp dried basil
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 tsp crumbled saffron threads (optional)
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 8 oz raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 12 mussels, scrubbed and debearded
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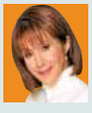

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Pop Chips (50 g) and salsa (2 tbsp)

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These chips are much lower in calories and fat. They are popped rather than fried or baked.

The In-Credibility Factor

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Started an online apparel company but found the market was saturated. Switched to Luxe Box where consumers can sample new beauty products. Thirteen months later, Cao now employs 15 people and his membership base is on track to reach 100,000 people.

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Just a few weeks ago we launched into the U.S. We are looking to build a platform where all types of products can be sampled and ordered on a subscription basis. We have some crazy growth plans in play. This is just the beginning.

Action Plan

• You've got to surround yourself with the right people. Ideas change but as long as you have a strong core team they will help you get through the difficult times.

• Fail fast, fail cheap and fail often. You won't get it the first time. Most overnight successes are built over 10 years and people have to realize they don't happen right away

• A lot of first-time entrepreneurs set themselves up for failure and then they give up. Sometimes the extra push makes all the difference. A couple of days could make an incredible difference so never give up.

Tailoring the way we learn to love our land

Guru of green.
Author suggests mixing the emotional with the ecological when teaching environmental education

BRUCE WALSH
Metro World News in Philadelphia

Best-selling author and self-help guru Daniel Goleman is known worldwide for stressing the importance of emotional intelligence in developing one's full potential.

While the term had been around for decades, Goleman's 1995 book, Emotional Intelligence: Why It Can Matter More Than IQ, popularized the concept. Broadly speaking, emotional intelligence is seen by many as an ability to gauge one's own emotions as well as the emotions of others, and to build relationships around this understanding.

Now Goleman is incorporating his environmental passions into his educational philosophy. His latest, Ecoliterate: How Educators Are Incorporating Emotional, Social and Ecological Intelligence, was written in partnership with the Berkeley-based Center for Ecoliteracy.

"In teaching people about ecological issues — whether it's K to 12 or in the university — there's something that happens on an emotional level, and that's fear and anxiety," says co-author Lisa Bennett.

"We've pushed nature's systems to the brink in a lot of ways right now, so if you bring emotional intelligence to teaching about ecological issues, you can be a lot more effective."

Ecoliterate investigates eight cutting-edge environmental education programs, from Kentucky to Alaska, looking for effective blueprints for this new curriculum. While the book is primarily directed at Kindergarten to Grade 12 teachers, the authors suggest that these programs could be easily adapted for the college level.

"In Dan Goleman's seminal books, he showed how critical emotional and social intelligence is to allowing people to be effective," says Bennett. "We discovered in 'Ecoliterate' that, actually, each form of intelligence is an extension of the other, and eco-intelligence is related to both: It boosts academic achievement, because it's tied to emotional learning, and it develops strength, hope and resilience in students."

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Five steps

The Center for Ecoliteracy has outlined five vital practices for teaching environmental studies to Kindergartens to Grade 12 students.

- Developing empathy for all forms of life
- Embracing sustainability as a community practice
- Making the invisible visible
- Anticipating unintended consequences
- Understanding how nature sustains life

In a class that cares

We've pushed nature's systems to the brink in a lot of ways right now, so if you bring emotional intelligence to teaching about ecological issues, you can be a lot more effective.
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There are plenty of ways to save while funding your studies

Although post-secondary education is expensive, there are several ways to reduce costs and the financial weight of going to school.

These ways are described in a new online guide, Paying for Post-Secondary Education from the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (@FCACan), available at itpaystoknow.gc.ca.

This guide has tips students can use right away. For example, even though it is easy to get credit cards on campus, you should use credit cards carefully and avoid using them at all if you cannot pay off the entire balance at the end of each month.

Also, you can reduce bank fees by using the automatic banking machines (ABMs) of your own financial institution rather than other institutions' machines. You can pay more than $8 in fees for withdrawing money from an ABM that does not belong to your financial institution.

A novel idea

Take heed of this book's sage advice.

- To reduce your education costs, you can buy used books and sell the ones you no longer need, or trade them for books you will need later. Check with local consignment shops for more information.

Other ways to save

Living in your own place while you go to school may be a wonderful experience, but it is much more expensive than living with your parents. In 2009, the average expenses over a four-year program for a student living alone were $77,132, compared with $51,763 for a student living at home — a difference of $25,369. If you cannot live with your parents, consider living with roommates. Sharing accommodation is usually much cheaper than living in a student residence or in your own apartment.

Tuition fees often include medical and dental insurance. However, you can usually waive the coverage provided by the school if you are already covered by your parents' or your employer's insurance plans. If you choose not to have the coverage, the cost of the insurance that would have been included automatically in your tuition fees will usually be refunded to you. This may amount to several hundred dollars a year, depending on the school's insurance plan.

Public transit passes may also be included in tuition fees, or you may get a student discount. Your student card is also a good savings tool, as many businesses offer discounts for students with cards. Ask your school's student association to give you a list of businesses offering student discounts.

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Hoping to enjoy an incredible first year? Join the club!

Guide to the groups.
How to sign up for a social circle most suited to you

RAISHAD HARDNETT
Metro World News in New York

Grades, grades, grades. That can't be all college is about – can it? University professionals suggest that academic growth is only one of the many types of student development in college. Still, for the typical college freshman who first stumbles on to campus and sets his eyes upon the hundreds of students marching around, the idea of finding a suitable extracurricular niche, group or activity can seem daunting.

Take a breath

The short and long-term benefits of joining a club far outweigh the initial anxiety. Here are three expert-approved reasons for becoming involved in a student organization

You can find them in a club! ISTOCK

Networking

According to Hikaru Kozuma, the executive director of the University of Pennsylvania's Office of Student Affairs, one outcome of club involvement is increased professional interaction.

"As part of a student organization, (students) can interact with staff, faculty and other members of the surrounding community to learn how to collaborate and work with others," he says. This is an especially vital skill, as the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics affirms that 70 per cent of jobs are found through networking.

Leadership skills

In addition to socializing with students who have similar interests, Gina D'Annunzio, director of student activities at Temple University, argues that extracurricular involvement also brings a long-term benefit: workplace competencies.

"My student organizations helped me create examples in job interviews for times when I completed a project from start to finish, worked in a team and showed initiative," she says. "Those are things that you can use that are tangible and marketable."

Although some may worry that too much club involvement could take away from a student's focus on scholastic endeavors, D'Annunzio points to an impressive statistic gathered from a 2010 Student Leadership Assessment showing that 98 per cent of actively involved students report that extracurricular participation actually improved their GPAs.

Socialization and belonging

Building the framework for a support group and sense of belonging can be the difference between success and failure. Denise Fitzpatrick, who oversees the Cherry Crusade athletic "fan club" at Temple University, says that she witnesses the students involved in her club not only having fun, but also using their friendships for both personal and academic support.

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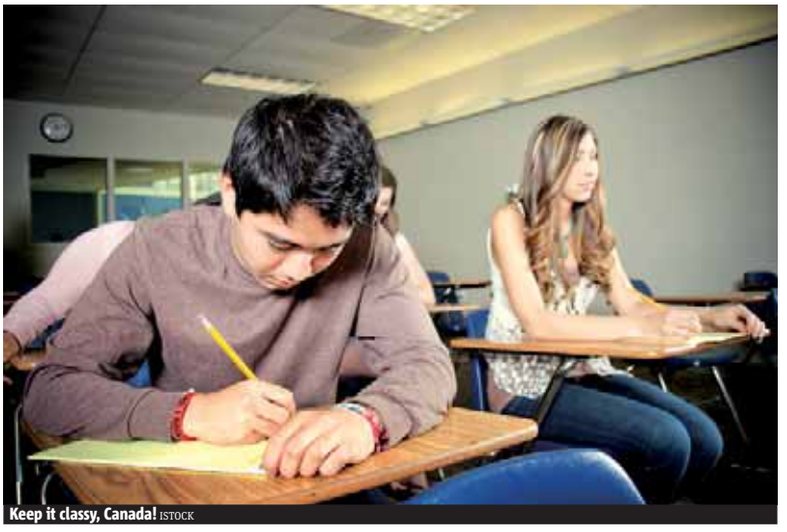

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Education nation.
Canada's young people largely working or learning, international OECD report says

Economic turmoil may have been pushing young people out of the workforce and sidelining them from their educational goals, but a report from the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development suggests Canada's youth are faring better than most.

The organization's Education at a Glance report found that 14 per cent of Canadians between 15 and 29 years of age were neither employed nor in education training, a measure commonly referred to as NEET.

Canada's numbers were below the international average of 16 per cent, a figure the organization said had been impacted by global economic turbulence.

The report was based on figures available from 2008 to 2010 — and the OECD said those trends are likely still rising due to more recent economic turmoil.

Canada's NEET youth were almost equally divided along gender lines, with boys only slightly more likely to find themselves outside either the education system or the labour force.

The NEET measurement from the OECD echoes findings from Statistics Canada released last May.

The country's national data collection agency found only 13 per cent of the 6.8 Canadian youth qualified as NEET, continuing a trend that has stayed more or less static for the past two decades.

The OECD had previously stated Canada had the second-lowest NEET rating among G7 countries. Tuesday's report examined a variety of educational metrics for 42 countries worldwide.

Canada's NEET rate was situated in the lower half of the report's spectrum, but was higher than the figures for Netherlands and Luxembourg, who boasted NEET rates of seven per cent.

Turkey had the highest NEET rate at 37 per cent, a number that reflected the fact that more than half the country's women were excluded from both education and work.

The OECD report repeatedly stressed the need for governments to step up investment in education if they hope to limit inequality and improve employment prospects for their citizens.

"Countries need an increasingly educated and skilled workforce to succeed in today's knowledge economy," OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurria said in a statement.

"Investing from an early age is crucial to lay the foundations of later success. High quality education and skills have to be among the number one priorities for governments, for economies and for societies. Supporting the poorest and ensuring equal access is another important pillar in an inclusive education policy."

The OECD report flagged the average NEET rate as a particularly telling measure of a country's future prospects.

The typical 15-year-old looking ahead 15 more years could expect seven years of education, 5.5 years of work, one year unemployed and 1.3 years out of the workforce entirely.

Although some in that last category were raising families, the OECD said, the high unemployment figures among young adults, especially in countries with low birthrates such as Spain and Italy, indicate a grave problem.

According to the report, the prospect of unemployment among the young is less dismal for those with more education. It found that higher education reduced joblessness by eight percentage points among 20 to 24-year-olds and 6.7 percentage points among 25 to 29-year-olds.

The report found one major reversal: Young women, for the first time, are more likely than young men to finish high school, are outpacing men in entering university-level education, and are catching up even in vocational schools.

The gap was most pronounced in Iceland and Portugal, where women's high school graduation rates were higher than men's by 20 percentage points or more.

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Girls on the grind

Teenage girls in OECD countries were found to be more ambitious than boys when it came to their future careers.

- They were significantly more likely to expect jobs in high-status, professional careers.
- But relatively few envisioned themselves in engineering or computing, both fields that remain dominated by men.

Funding our future

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Angel Gurria, OECD Secretary-General

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CFL

Cavillo and Als beat Roughriders

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NASCAR

Keselowski wins first race of the Chase in Chicago

Brad Keselowski raced to an impressive victory in the opening race of the Chase for the Sprint Cup, outduelling five-time champion Jimmie Johnson at Chicagoland Speedway on Sunday.

Keselowski got ahead of Johnson after a crucial pit cycle with about 35 laps remaining and led the final 26 laps in the 400-mile race, holding on comfortably from there for his first victory in a Chase race. He also takes over the points lead.

It's Keselowski's fourth victory of the season. He leads Johnson by three points. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Penguins star Evgeni Malkin looks on during a IIHF World Championship game between Russia and Sweden in May in Stockholm. Malkin has signed up with KHL team Magnitogorsk. MARTIN ROSE/BONGARTS/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Jaromir Jagr of the Philadelphia Flyers skates against the New York Islanders in March in Uniondale, N.Y. Jagr has agreed to return to the Czech Republic to play for the team Kladno. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Some locked-out NHL players Europe-bound

NHL. Reigning MVP Evgeni Malkin among list of those going abroad

Quoted

"The scary part is I think you'll see some of the best players in the game (going over). Let's hope they come back when they're going to get paid the dollars they're going to get paid in some of these leagues to go play now." Calgary Flames forward Mike Cammalleri

With the doors locked shut at NHL arenas, the best hockey players on the planet are turning their focus to a new world of opportunities.

Every player on a NHL roster as of Sunday morning became free to seek other work for the duration of the lockout, and many started doing so immediately. Reigning NHL MVP Evgeni Malkin (Magnitogorsk) and Pavel Datsyuk (Ak Bars) were among those who signed deals to play in the Russian-based KHL while Jaromir Jagr (Kladno) is going to the Czech Republic and Jussi Jokinen (Karpat) inked a deal in Finland.

Teams from Switzerland, Sweden and Germany will come calling as well. Depending on the length of the lockout, it could result in a massive displacement of players throughout the hockey world.

The NHL locked out its players at midnight on Saturday and released a message to fans on its website the following day, saying "this is a time of year for all attention to be focused on the ice, not on a meeting room." Meanwhile, the NHLPA sent out a video montage with players talking about what they'll miss about not playing and ended with the statement: "This is an NHL owners lockout."

Nearly 400 NHL players suited up in 19 different European leagues during the lockout that cancelled the entire 2004-05 season. It was a migration that came with a fair bit of controversy as the NHLers pushed others out of jobs.

The debate has restarted again, but it's unlikely to deter many of the 750 locked-out NHLPA members.

"I'm a hockey player and it's a competitive business," said Pittsburgh Penguins captain Sidney Crosby. "Would I look forward to that opportunity of taking someone's job? No. But at the end of the day I'm a hockey player."

Now in its fifth season, the KHL believes it is in a position to capitalize on the availability of so many elite players. THE CANADIAN PRESS

For the latest news on the NHL lockout, visit metronews.ca/tag/nhl

Raonic leads Canada to Davis Cup World Group

Milos Raonic returns a volley against South Africa's Izak van der Merwe in Davis Cup action on Sunday in Montreal. PETER MCCABE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Milos Raonic wanted a dominating win Sunday after what he felt was a lax effort two days earlier.

He did exactly that and in dominant fashion, beating Izak van der Merwe 6-2, 6-2, 6-4 to clinch the Davis Cup best-of-five series over South Africa.

The victory secures Canada's spot in the elite World Group, while South Africa is relegated to zone play.

Raonic was happy he won his opening singles match but wasn't pleased with his performance. With the World Group spot in sight, the 21-year-old from Thornhill, Ont., took to the court hungry to finish on top.

"I came out with more of an accomplished goal, other than winning. I came out, did a lot of things well, played on my terms and did what I wanted to do," he said. "The other day I waited for him to lose to me. Today, I played."

South Africa entered the tie matches down two of its top players. Kevin Anderson didn't travel to Montreal and Rik de Voest was forced to withdraw with a wrist injury.

"We came here wanting to win but unfortunately things didn't work out the way we planned. Obviously Rik getting injured didn't help our cause," South Africa captain John Laffnie de Jager said. "Two of our top guys didn't play. The team that was here did their best."

Raonic got off to a quick start Sunday against van der Merwe, breaking him in the opening game. His renowned serve was once again his strength, as he held serve in each game of the first set. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two-in-a-row

It marked a second straight year that Canada won its Davis Cup tie to advance to the World Group.

4 SPORTS

Mobile sports

Cricket

The NFL removed a replacement official from the New Orleans-Carolina game on Sunday because it discovered he's a Saints fan. Brian Stropolo is from New Orleans and posted several photos of himself in Saints gear on his Facebook page. Scan the code for the story.

Spiller leads Bills charge past the Chiefs

C.J. Spiller of the Buffalo Bills celebrates after scoring his first touchdown of the game against the Kansas City Chiefs Sunday in Orchard Park, New York. RICK STEWART/GETTY IMAGES

NFL. Replacement for injured Fred Jackson is piling up yardage through two games

C.J. Spiller gladly accepted Fred Jackson's challenge.

And this time, the rest of the Bills — on offence, defence and special teams — showed up to support Spiller who scored twice and finished with 123 yards rushing to spark a 35-17 win over the Kansas City Chiefs in Buffalo's home opener. It was a much better effort than how Buffalo opened the season with a bumbling 48-28 loss to the New York Jets last week.

The same can't be said for the Chiefs, who followed up one dud with another a week after opening the season with a 40-24 loss to Atlanta.

Spiller picked up where he left off a week earlier, after he had career-best 169 yards rushing in taking over after Jackson sprained his right knee against the Jets.

"It's always better to answer the questions when you win," said Spiller, who giggled several times at the podium.

Sunday's game

Bills	Chiefs
35	17

"Fred Jackson challenged me today, when he told me to put the team on my back. So when that comes down from the leader in our room, you have to step your game up. I was ready to go today."

With Jackson expected to miss another three weeks, Spiller scored on 17- and 5-yard runs to put the Bills ahead 14-0 early in the second quarter, a lead that would balloon to 35-3 late in the third.

The Bills' defence finally showed signs of its high-priced potential after failing to make a dent last week.

Kyle Williams had two of Buffalo's five sacks. Mario Williams — the team's high-prized off-season free agent — recovered quarterback Matt Cassel's fumble, which set up Scott Chandler's 10-yard touchdown catch.

And linebacker Nick Barnett had a momentum-turning play late in the first half. That's when he forced Kansas City running back Peyton Hillis to fumble at the goal line to preserve Buffalo's 21-0 lead.

"We had a sense of urgency. It was just different from the very beginning," Mario Williams said. "We went out there and put it all on the line. Unfortunately, that didn't happen last week, but we have to build on this and continue."

Quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick shrugged off last week's three-interception outing by going 10 of 19 for 178 yards and two touchdowns, including a 49-yarder to Stevie Johnson.

And Buffalo's special teams contributed: Leodis McKelvin returned a punt 88 yards.

It was a complete reversal for the Bills who turned the ball over four times against the Jets, failed to get any pressure on Mark Sanchez and allowed Jeremy Kerley to return a punt 68 yards for a score.

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Quoted

"C.J.'s a stud. That kid can run. We've got plenty of weapons, and the good thing is we're going to get Fred back." **Buffalo Bills centre Eric Wood** on running back C.J. Spiller's performance

Hot start for Spiller

10.1

With 292 yards on 29 carries, Spiller is off to such a hot start that he's averaging 10.1 yards per rush. That's the highest average by an NFL player with a minimum of 25 carries through the first two games of a season since 1963, when Jim Brown averaged 11.3 yards (34 carries for 394 yards).

Calvillo pleased with team attitude after win

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Anthony Calvillo on Sunday. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Willy made his debut as a starter after looking good in relief of the injured Darian Durant in consecutive wins over Winnipeg. The former University of Buffalo star threw some fluttery balls, but completed 22-of-35 passes for 225 yards. However, after a TD toss to Kory Sheets, he had two picked off to kill drives in the fourth quarter.

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CFL

Argos' tackle had TD in sights

Argos defensive tackle Kevin Huntley says only a sore ankle and knee — and players from both teams, slowed him down as he rumbled down the sidelines towards the goal-line in Saturday's CFL game at B.C. Place after the football ended up in his hands.

"All I had to do was beat Lulay but he was coming at me on a good line," said the fourth-year Argo. "He was slowing me down. Then somebody from behind poked the ball out."

The Argos lost the game 28-23.

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NFL. Saints defence is exploited for second week

As long as Drew Brees stays healthy, the New Orleans Saints' offence is going to be just fine.

The defence? Now that's a concern.

The Saints got pushed around for the second straight week, allowing 463 total yards in a 35-27 loss to the Carolina Panthers on Sunday. New Orleans fell to 0-2 for the first time since 2007 and finds itself alone in the NFC South cellar.

They've allowed 922 yards and 75 points in two games against young quarterbacks Cam Newton and Robert Griffin III.

"We're just not playing as good as we want to yet," Saints cornerback Malcolm Jenkins said. "We had high expectations and we've worked hard and prepared hard. We've got to jell and continue to do the things we need to do to get better. We just have to continue to chip away at this thing."

The Saints will welcome an opportunity to face a team that doesn't run the zone-read option quite as much next Sunday. They face another 0-2 team when they meet Matt Cassel and the Kansas City Chiefs.

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Woodbine Mile. Wise Dan blows away the field

Wise Dan dominated the Grade 1 $1-million Ricoh Woodbine Mile on Sunday.

The five-year-old Kentucky-bred gelding went off as the prohibitive 1/2 favourite and then showed why. He sat third through the opening half-mile, then surged into the lead before blowing away the field with an emphatic 3 1/4-length victory on a firm E.P Taylor turf course at Woodbine Racetrack.

Wise Dan posted a winning time of 1:34.07 to earn the $600,000 winner's share with the second-largest margin of victory in race history. Only Leroidesanimaux's 7 3/4-length victory in 2005 was more dominant.

"I was a little worried being that close to the lead," said winning trainer Charles Lopresti. "And when he made the lead I was thinking, 'It's a really long stretch,' but he kept running." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Record-setting victory

- Charles Lopresti became the first trainer to win consecutive races
- Jockey John Velazquez won the event for a record third time.

Jays honour shooting victim

Eaton Centre shooting victim Connor Stevenson tosses the first pitch prior to the Toronto Blue Jays playing the Boston Red Sox at the Rogers Centre on Sunday. Connor, 13, was shot in the head in June during an incident that killed two. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Vizquel's milestone hit sparks Jays' offence

MLB. 45-year-old moves into tie for 42nd on all-time hit list; Hechavarria blasts two-run home run

Toronto Blue Jays shortstop Adeiny Hechavarria, right, celebrates his two-run home run with teammate Omar Vizquel against the Boston Red Sox in Toronto on Sunday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

As Omar Vizquel winds down his career, it seems like he reaches a milestone with each hit.

It also helps when they win games as well.

The 45-year-old hit a two-out single in the seventh inning against left-hander Jon Lester to break a 0-0 tie and the Toronto Blue Jays went on to beat the Boston Red Sox 5-0 on Sunday.

The single was Vizquel's second hit of the game and tied him with Jesse Burkett for 42nd on the all-time list with 2,872.

The single was followed by a two-run homer by Adeiny Hechavarria, his second as a major-leaguer. The Blue Jays added two in the eighth in front of 21,698 fans at Rogers Centre.

Vizquel's next hit ties him with Babe Ruth and it could come at Yankee Stadium where the Blue Jays open a three-game series against New York on Tuesday.

"Not even in my wildest dreams was I going to think that you can bring the name of Babe Ruth next to mine and compare it with hits and other things there have been in my career," Vizquel said. "When I started the season I wasn't really thinking about numbers. I was just trying to go out there and finish my career strong."

It also helped the Blue Jays avoid a three-game sweep at the hands of the Red Sox. Vizquel hit two sacrifice flies on Sept. 9 including the game-winner when the Blue Jays swept the Red Sox in three games at Fenway Park.

This time Vizquel broke up a superb pitching effort by Lester who took a one-hitter into the seventh. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Buffalo-bound

Farm club on the move

The Blue Jays are expected to pull their triple-A farm club out of Las Vegas this off-season and bring it east to Buffalo.

An announcement on the move could come as soon as Tuesday.

Buffalo is home to the Bisons and a wonderful downtown park called Coca-Cola Field, which has hosted the New York Mets' top farm club the past two seasons.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	83	63	.568	—
Baltimore	82	64	.562	1
Tampa Bay	78	68	.534	5
Toronto	66	79	.455	16½
Boston	66	81	.449	17½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	79	66	.545	—
Detroit	77	68	.531	2
Kansas City	66	80	.452	13½
Cleveland	61	86	.415	19
Minnesota	60	87	.408	20

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	87	59	.596	—
Oakland	84	62	.575	3
Los Angeles	80	67	.544	7½
Seattle	70	77	.476	17½

Sunday's results
Toronto 5 Boston 0
Baltimore 9 Oakland 5
Chicago White Sox 9 Minnesota 2
Cleveland 7 Detroit 6
L.A. Angels 4 Kansas City 3
N.Y. Yankees 6 Tampa Bay 4
Texas 2 Seattle 1
Saturday's results
Boston 3 Toronto 2
Chicago White Sox 5 Minnesota 3
Detroit 5 Cleveland 3
Kansas City 3 L.A. Angels 2
N.Y. Yankees 5 Tampa Bay 3
Oakland 5 Baltimore 2
Seattle 8 Texas 6
Monday's games — All Times Eastern
Detroit (Fister 9-8) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 6-4), 2:10 p.m.
Boston (A.Cook 3-10) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 9-8), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Tillman 7-2) at Seattle (Noesi 2-11), 10:10 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 5, RED SOX 0

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Pdsdnk lf	3	0	0	0	Lawrie 3b	4	1	1	0
MGomz ph	1	0	0	0	Rasms cf	4	1	1	1
Kalish lf	0	0	0	0	Arencii c	3	0	0	0
Pedroia 2b	4	0	2	0	Lind 1b	4	0	0	0
Ellsury cf	3	0	1	0	Sierra rf	3	0	1	1
C.Ross rf	4	0	1	0	YGams dh	3	0	1	0
Loney 1b	4	0	0	0	RDavis pr-dh	1	1	0	0
Sltlmch dh	4	0	1	0	Vizquel 2b	4	1	2	1
Lvrnwy c	4	0	1	0	Hchvrr ss	3	1	1	2
Ciriaco 3b	3	0	1	0	Gose lf	3	0	0	0
Iglesias ss	2	0	0	0					
Nava ph	1	0	0	0					
Aviles ss	0	0	0	0					
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E—Lester (2), Kalish (4). DP—Toronto 1.
LOB—Boston 7, Toronto 5. 2B—Lavarnway (5), Lawrie (23), Vizquel (3). HR—Hechavarria (2). SB—Ciriaco (14), R.Davis (44).

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lester L,9-12	7	4	3	3	1	7
Bard	0	2	2	2	1	0
A.Miller	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Atchison	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Toronto						
Morrow	6	4	0	0	1	3
Cecil	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Lyon W,3-0	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Oliver H,15	1	2	0	0	0	0
Janssen	1	0	0	0	0	1

Bard pitched to 3 batters in the 8th.
Umpires—Home, Brian Gorman; First, Todd Tichenor; Second, Tony Randazzo; Third, Bob Davidson.
T—2:42. A—21,698 (49,260) at Toronto.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	89	56	.614	—
Atlanta	83	63	.568	6½
Philadelphia	73	74	.497	17
New York	66	80	.452	23½
Miami	65	82	.442	25

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	88	59	.599	—
St. Louis	77	70	.524	11
Milwaukee	74	72	.507	13½
Pittsburgh	73	72	.503	14
Chicago	58	88	.397	29½
Houston	48	99	.327	40

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	83	63	.568	—
Los Angeles	76	71	.517	7½
Arizona	72	74	.493	11
San Diego	71	76	.483	12½
Colorado	58	87	.400	24½

Sunday's results
Arizona 10 San Francisco 2
Chicago Cubs 13 Pittsburgh 9
Cincinnati 5 Miami 4 (11 innings)
Houston 7 Philadelphia 6
Milwaukee 3 N.Y. Mets 0
Colorado at San Diego
St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers
Washington at Atlanta
Saturday's results
Atlanta 5 Washington 4
Houston 5 Philadelphia 0
L.A. Dodgers 4 St. Louis 3
Miami 6 Cincinnati 4
Milwaukee 9 N.Y. Mets 6
Pittsburgh 7 Chicago Cubs 6
San Diego 4 Colorado 3
San Francisco 3 Arizona 2
Monday's games — All Times Eastern
Atlanta (T.Hudson 14-6) at Miami (LeBlanc 2-4), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 5-7) at N.Y. Mets (Dickey 18-5), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Correia 10-9) at Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 6-11), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Chacin 2-5) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 14-10), 10:15 p.m.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP

CANADA 3, SOUTH AFRICA 1
(Canada advances to World Group)
Sunday's result
Reverse Singles
Milos Raonic, Thornhill, Ont., def. Izak Van der Merwe, South Africa, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.
Vasek Pospisil, Vancouver, vs. Nikala Scholtz, South Africa (match not played).
Saturday's result — Doubles
Izak van der Merwe and Raven Klaasen, South Africa, def. **Daniel Nestor, Toronto, and Vasek Pospisil, Vancouver**, 6-4, 7-6, 7-6.
Friday's results — Singles
Vasek Pospisil, Vancouver, def. Izak Van der Merwe, South Africa, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
Milos Raonic, Thornhill, Ont., def. Nikala Scholtz, South Africa, 7-5, 6-4, 7-5.

WTA BELL CHALLENGE

At Quebec City
Sunday's result
Singles — Championship
Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, def. Lucie Hradecka (8), Czech Rep., 6-1, 7-5.

CFL

WEEK 12

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Montreal	11	7	4	0	301	327	14
Toronto	11	6	5	0	278	274	12
Hamilton	11	4	7	0	341	347	8
Winnipeg	11	2	9	0	203	365	4

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
B.C.	11	8	3	0	298	204	16
Calgary	11	7	4	0	312	257	14
Saskatchewan	11	5	6	0	284	234	10
Edmonton	11	5	6	0	247	256	10

Sunday's result
Montreal 28 Saskatchewan 17
Saturday's results
B.C. 28 Toronto 23
Hamilton 51 Edmonton 8
Friday's result
Calgary 44 Winnipeg 3
WEEK 13
Friday, Sept. 21 — All Times Eastern
Hamilton at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 22
B.C. at Edmonton, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 23
Toronto at Montreal, 1 p.m.
Calgary at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m.

ALOUETTES 28, ROUGHRIDERS 17

First Quarter
Mtl — TD Whitaker 3 run (Whyte convert) 4:12
Sask — FG De Angelis 48 8:17
Mtl — TD McPherson 1 run (Whyte convert) 10:44
Second Quarter
Mtl — Single Whyte 43 7:39
Sask — FG De Angelis 46 10:42
Mtl — TD Bratton 8 pass from Calvillo (White convert) 14:22
Third Quarter
Sask — Safety Whyte concedes 4:02
Sask — Safety Whyte concedes 6:37
Fourth Quarter
Sask — TD Sheets 33 pass from Willy (De Angelis convert) 0:45
Mtl — FG Whyte 34 8:18
Mtl — FG Whyte 41 13:05

Saskatchewan	**3**	**3**	**4**	**7**	**— 17**
Montreal	**14**	**8**	**0**	**6**	**— 28**

Attendance — 23,147 at Montreal.

SATURDAY

LIONS 28, ARGONAUTS 23

First Quarter
B.C. — Single McCallum 41 2:25
Tor — TD Black 2 fumble return (Waters convert) 11:09
Second Quarter
B.C. — FG McCallum 32 7:02
B.C. — TD Gore 39 pass from Lulay (McCallum convert) 11:51
B.C. — TD Bruce 20 pass from Lulay (McCallum convert) 14:55
Third Quarter
Tor — FG Waters 41 4:08
Tor — FG Waters 37 12:35
Fourth Quarter
B.C. — FG McCallum 43 1:43
Tor — FG Waters 36 3:52
B.C. — TD Lumbala 1 run (McCallum convert) 7:21
Tor — TD Owens 52 pass from Ray (Waters convert) 9:52

Toronto	**7**	**0**	**6**	**10**	**— 23**
B.C.	**1**	**17**	**0**	**10**	**— 28**

Attendance — 28,526 at Vancouver.

TIGER-CATS 51, ESKIMOS 8

First Quarter
Edm — Single Shaw 48 2:10
Edm — TD Messam 1 run (Shaw convert) 7:25
Second Quarter
Ham — FG Congi 10 2:00
Ham — FG Congi 22 7:04
Ham — FG Congi 45 13:06
Ham — TD B.Grant 58 blocked field goal return (Congi convert) 15:00
Third Quarter
Ham — TD Stala 87 pass from Burris (Congi convert) 3:19
Ham — TD Fantuz 21 pass from Burris (Congi convert) 8:35
Ham — TD C.Williams 25 pass from Burris (Congi convert) 12:37
Fourth Quarter
Ham — TD Cobourne 12 run (Congi convert) 10:33
Ham — TD Webb 98 interception return (Congi convert) 13:18

Edmonton	**8**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**— 8**
Hamilton	**0**	**16**	**21**	**14**	**— 51**

Attendance — 24,162 at Hamilton.

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Karrie Webb	71-70-68-82—291
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Cristie Kerr	72-73-74-77—296
Michelle Wie	75-70-72-79—296

NFL

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EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	58	55
New England	1	1	0	.500	52	33
Miami	1	1	0	.500	45	43
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	63	65

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	57	17
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	44	61
Tennessee	0	2	0	.000	23	72
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	30	53

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	67	37
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	47	71
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	46	41
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	43	51

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	2	0	0	1.000	60	24
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	31	19
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	41	75
Oakland	0	2	0	.000	27	57

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	0	0	1.000	41	39
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	31	44
Washington	1	1	0	.500	68	63
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	58	58

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	40	24
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	50	51
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	45	43
New Orleans	0	2	0	.000	59	75

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	27	23
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	45	40
Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	46	46
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	51	44

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	2	0	0	1.000	40	34
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	30	22
St. Louis	1	1	0	.500	54	55
Seattle	1	1	0	.500	43	27

WEEK TWO

Sunday's results
Arizona 20 New England 18
Buffalo 35 Kansas City 17
Carolina 35 New Orleans 27
Indianapolis 23 Minnesota 20
Cincinnati 34 Cleveland 27
Houston 27 Jacksonville 7
Miami 35 Oakland 13
N.Y. Giants 41 Tampa Bay 34
Philadelphia 24 Baltimore 23
Pittsburgh 27 N.Y. Jets 10
San Diego 38 Tennessee 10
Seattle 27 Dallas 7
St. Louis 31 Washington 28
Detroit at San Francisco
Thursday's result
Green Bay 23 Chicago 10
Monday's game — All Times Eastern
Denver at Atlanta, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK THREE

Thursday, Sept. 20
N.Y. Giants at Carolina, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 23
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Washington, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Miami, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
New England at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 24
Green Bay at Seattle, 8:30 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	28	15	7	6	35	25	51
Chicago	28	15	8	5	40	33	50
New York	28	14	7	7	49	40	49
Houston	29	12	7	10	41	34	46
D.C. United	28	13	10	5	45	39	44
Columbus	28	12	10	6	34	35	42
Montreal	30	12	15	3	44	49	39
New England	29	7	15	7	36	40	28
Philadelphia	26	7	13	6	26	31	27
Toronto	29	5	17	7	32	51	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
x-San Jose	28	17	6	5	58	33	56
Seattle	28	13	6	9	44	29	48
Real Salt Lake	29	14	11	4	38	33	46
Los Angeles	29	14	11	4	50	40	46
Vancouver	29	10	12	7	29	38	37
Dallas	30	9	12	9	35	38	36
Colorado	29	9	18	2	36	43	29
Chivas USA	27	7	13	7	21	43	28
Portland	28	7	14	7	28	47	28

x — clinched playoff berth.
Saturday's results
Philadelphia 1 Toronto 1
Chicago 3 Montreal 1
Dallas 1 Vancouver 0
D.C. United 2 New England 1
New York 3 Columbus 1
San Jose 2 Chivas USA 0
Seattle 1 Portland 1

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Sunday's result
Reading 1 Tottenham 3
Saturday's ressults
Arsenal 6 Southampton 1
Aston Villa 2 Swansea 0
Fulham 3 West Bromwich Albion 0
Manchester United 4 Wigan 0
Norwich 0 West Ham 0
Queens Park Rangers 0 Chelsea 0
Stoke 1 Manchester City 1
Sunderland 1 Liverpool 1

GERMANY

BUNDESLIGA

Sunday's results
Eintracht Frankfurt 3 Hamburger SV 2
Freiburg 5 Hoffenheim 3
Saturday's results
Borussia Dortmund 3 Bayer Leverkusen 0
Bayern Munich 3 Mainz 1
Borussia Moenchengladbach 2 Nuremberg 3
Stuttgart 0 Fortuna Duesseldorf 0
Hannover 3 Werder Bremen 2
Greuther Fuerth 0 Schalke 2

ITALY

SERIE A

Sunday's results
Espanyol 3 Athletic Bilbao 3
Granada 1 Deportivo La Coruna 1
Osasuna 1 Mallorca 1
Real Sociedad 2 Zaragoza 0
Atletico Madrid 4 Rayo Vallecano 3
Saturday's results
alermo 1 Cagliari 1
AC Milan 0 Atalanta 1

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Saturday's results
Dundee 1 Motherwell 2
Hibernian 2 Kilmarnock 1
Inverness 1 Aberdeen 1
St. Johnstone 2 Celtic 1
St. Mirren 2 Hearts 0

SPAIN

LA LIGA

Sunday's results
Espanyol 3 Athletic Bilbao 3
Granada 1 Deportivo La Coruna 1
Osasuna 1 Mallorca 1
Real Sociedad 2 Zaragoza 0
Atletico Madrid 4 Rayo Vallecano 3
Saturday's results
Malaga 3 Levante 1
Valencia 2 Celta Vigo 1
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Sevilla 1 Real Madrid 0

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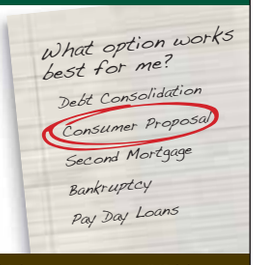

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Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Some people may be a bit of a pain but if you stay calm and do what is expected of you then by the end of the week your name will be up in lights. Help others now and they will help you later.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Stay on good terms with colleagues over the next few days, because if you fall out now you may regret it later. By the time the Sun moves in your favour again on the 22nd you'll all be friends again.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
No matter how difficult it might be to find a solution to a complex personal problem, if you give it some thought today you will come up with something that does the trick. You're pretty good at problem solving.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Today's Mercury-Neptune link will force you to recognize certain truths that have always been there but which you have contrived to ignore. Start by realizing that a so-called friend is nothing of the sort.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Don't waste time thinking about what might have been. What's done is done and cannot be undone and the sooner you accept that, the sooner you can move on. There is still so much you can accomplish.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your past efforts will be fully rewarded, though maybe not immediately. The Sun's move into your sign on the 22nd marks the start of a new solar year — that's when your luck is most likely to change.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You need to push your emotions to one side and do what has to be done. Certain people may not thank you for it now but they will realize later on that you were doing it entirely for their own good.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Because you are such a can-do person you are always helping other people, but over the next few days your time will be limited, so only help those who truly deserve it. That's probably not very many.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will be called upon to make sacrifices over the next seven days, but don't think of it as a chore. Make an effort for other people now and they will make an even bigger effort for you later on.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are both hard-working and socially responsible and that's a combination that is hard to beat. It's also a combination that will get you noticed over the next few days, and maybe promoted. You deserve it.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If you find it hard to adopt a positive attitude towards negative people today then maybe you should remove yourself from their presence for a while. If they think they might lose you their attitude will change.

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Some of This and Some of That

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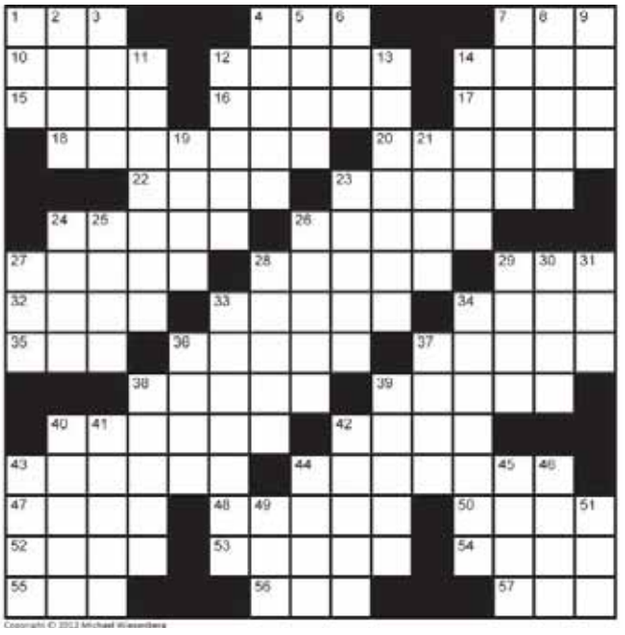

Across
1. PC maker
4. Attractive leg, slangily
7. Mu ___ pork: Chinese dish
10. Alone, as at a dance
12. Blocks for young builders
14. Ark units
15. Kitty's contented croon
16. Some Yukon natives
17. Longings
18. Symbol of regal power
20. National Park north of Banff National Park
22. "... golden days of ___": past time
23. Automatons
24. " ___ bleu!": mild French oath
26. Montréal singer-poet Leonard most known for "Suzanne"
27. Louisianian, a word that's from "Acadian"
28. ___ Mrs. Smith: 2005 Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt film (2 wds.)
29. "I can't ___ thing with my hair!" (2 wds.)
32. Take ___: sleep briefly (2 wds.)
33. Years and years
34. Corn holders
35. Tyrannosaurus ___
36. Caramel-topped desserts
37. Seeps
38. BC-born pop singer Michael
39. Common trashcan site
40. Calgary team
42. Group of three
43. The longest river in BC, it has its mouth at Vancouver
44. Knight suits
47. Fail at poker
48. Quintessential Canadian cap
50. Some TVs
52. "Beware the ___ of March": Julius Caesar
53. As stubborn as ___ (2 wds.)
54. Censor's target
55. Craggy hilltop
56. Earnings
57. Tissue box word

Down
1. AOL or MSN
2. A/C capacity measures
3. Antony who eulogized Caesar
4. Mystery or romance
5. Chills and fever fit
6. Me: Fr.
7. Cleaned out, as a chimney
8. Sharpens, as a knife
9. Soviet Union
11. CFL championship game (2 wds.)
12. Gasoline unit
13. NL capital (2 wds.)
14. Victoria-born writer Ian of "Four Strong Winds"
19. Censor's target
21. Laid up
23. Brownish horses
24. Of sound mind
25. "Cleans like a white tornado" product
26. Witch
27. Windsor, Ontario product
28. Banquets
29. Catch 40 winks
30. Heed
31. Donkey
33. 20-Across's province
34. Palette contents
36. Be extremely furious
37. Dish with some of this and some of that
38. Bottoms
39. Fighting force: Fr.
40. The Lord of the Rings ringbearer
41. CD beam
42. "Yours ___": letter closing
43. Dart here and there
44. Shade of blue
45. Canadian force
46. David's biblical predecessor
49. Ref
51. Pig pen

Friday's Crossword

What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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	6						2	9
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Friday's Sudoku

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